



MEET THE TEAM

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What's New at SENDIASS?

We would firstly, like to start by giving a warm welcome back to Ayesha who returned from her maternity earlier this year in her participation and engagement role! As always we strive to support our service users to the best of our ability, and during lockdown we have been busy coming up with new ways to support families, by creating new online workshops and new detailed tribunal information packs.

Covid update - SENDIASS will continue to attend meetings virtually through the use of digital platforms rather than face to face. We have successfully supported school meetings, Local Authority meetings, Mediation, Tribunal/appeal and one to ones with parents in this way. To ensure the safety of our staff and clients at this time requests for face to face meetings currently cannot be guaranteed and will be at the discretion of the caseworker and team manager. We will however work with you to find alternative solutions. More information on Covid19 can be found at <https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/post/covid19--support-for-parents>

Parent Workshops

The SENDIASS team will be delivering a number of workshops on SEND related issues. These are issues highlighted from service users, parents and professionals.

Due to the current circumstances these workshops will be delivered online through Zoom and will hold a maximum of 10 participants.

For information on how to book onto the workshops please visit the SENDIASS Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/BradfordSendiass/

Or simply head to the Eventbrite website and search 'Bradford Sendiass' for a list of our upcoming workshops.



For any questions, please contact:

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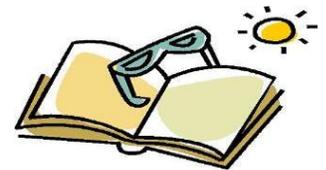
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Short breaks focus group

Earlier this year Bradford Council decided to consult the people of Bradford on their Short Breaks service. The reason behind this consultation was to help them review the Short breaks offer, gaining feedback from parents and Carers about the short breaks service available and to help develop the service to meet family's needs.

The council are now wanting to build upon these findings and ensure that they represent the views and experiences of families across Bradford. SENDIASS has been asked to run a **focus group** for our service users on **12/11/2020 at 2.30-4pm** to build upon these findings and make sure our families have the chance to have their say. The group will take place via zoom so you can take part from the comfort of your home. Is this something you might be interested in taking part in? If you would like the opportunity to share your views please contact us on 01274513300 or email bradfordSENDIASS@barnardos.org.uk to register for the group



Need to make a referral?



- Referrals can be made by parent/carer or young person directly to the service, or in some cases a professional may make the referral on behalf of a family.
- To make a direct referral please contact the service on 01274 513300 or email BradfordSENDIASS@barnardos.org.uk
- Admin will take your contact details and basic information about your enquiry and add the referral to the duty spreadsheet. You will then receive a call back from a qualified caseworker on duty, who will discuss your concerns with you and provide detailed individual advice and information. Our contracted target time for this is within **3 working days**, but it is often sooner.
- If during your initial call back it is deemed that your enquiry requires further support then a full referral will be completed with you on the phone. The caseworker will advise you of the current waiting list time and place your case on the waiting list. Our contracted target time for the waiting list is **4 weeks** but it may be sooner. You will receive a letter confirming that your case has been added to the waiting list.
- If you need further advice whilst you are waiting you are welcome to re-contact the service at any time and speak to a duty worker.
- Once you reach the top of the waiting list you will be allocated an individual caseworker who will contact you to discuss a plan of support.



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Additional parent support:

Local offer: Bradford Local Offer provides information about; services, activities and provisions for children and young people with a special educational needs. This is directory of services.

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/>

Contact - A National Information and Advice service for families of disabled children:

<https://contact.org.uk/> or call our free helpline on 0808 808 3555

AWARE: AWARE is group supporting families with children and young adults on the autistic spectrum (formal diagnosis not required) For more info visit www.aware-uk.org

West Yorkshire ADHD support group: We are a peer led support group who support both adults with ADHD and parents/carers of a child with ADHD (with or without a diagnosis). For more info visit their Facebook page as no referral is necessary.

IPSEA offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They also provide training on the SEND legal framework to parents and carers, professionals and other organisations. <https://www.ipsea.org.uk/> Contact IPSEA on 01799 582030

Parent Forum Bradford and Airedale: We work to support parents and carers of disabled/SEN children and young people in the Bradford and Airedale area. We empower parents/carers by influencing positive changes in health, education and social care policies and practices for families, children and young people with disabilities/additional needs. <https://pfba.org.uk/> 01274 397396

The Down Syndrome Training & Support Service: is a registered charity run by and for parents and carers of children who have Down syndrome. We offer support and training for all parents and professionals working and caring for children with Down syndrome.

Snoop is a registered charity run by a voluntary management committee and qualified staff with expertise working with young people with disabilities and complex health needs aged 2-25+years.

<https://www.snoopcharity.org/>

