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SPRING EDITION: VOLUME 1

Welcome to the first EVER edition of the Local Offer Newsletter!

The Local Offer is a valuable resource for families and professionals offering information on the services and provisions available in Southwark for children and young people with SEND aged 0-25.

Did you know that the comments we receive on what's available locally are used to inform what the council buys? For example we have had a lot of requests for ADHD training for parents and we will be offering this in the near future. Make your **suggestions and comments** [here](#) – your views and opinions make a difference.



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for Education

On 12 October last year Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission launch

consultation on proposals for **inspecting** local areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Independent inspection, combined with local and national accountability measures, will show how the SEN and disability system is performing; which parts are working well and less well and whether outcomes are improving for children and young people.

Starting in May 2016 teams will inspect all Councils including a random selection of schools, early years and FE providers.

Look out for a special inspection edition of the local offer newsletter in April 2016.



The Southwark Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) launched a new look website on February 1st. This contains the latest advice and information on safeguarding in Southwark, who to contact for help and advice, policies and procedures, training opportunities and events such as the annual SSCB conference on Female Genital Mutilation on March 23rd.

Visit us: www.safeguarding.southwark.gov.uk



The Department for Education are asking children and young people what they think about **peer support/mentoring** for mental health and emotional wellbeing. Find out what this is about [here](#).



SEND IN THE EXPERTS

Southwark IAS are calling on all parents, young people and children who would like

to join our pool of experts to help shape and inform services and provision for SEND in Southwark. Find out more information [here](#).

To find out information about **parenting programmes** available for parents/carers to attend in Southwark please visit:
<http://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/training-and-drop-ins/parenting-programmes/>

REDUCED SCHOOL TIMETABLES

Did you know that there are only certain circumstances in which schools can offer a reduced timetable? Find out more information [here](#).

LOCAL OFFER WEBSITE



The Southwark Information, Advice and Support Team

For additional information or support parents and young people can contact the SIAS Team on **020 7525 3104** or sias@southwark.gov.uk

Alternatively they can drop in at **Sunshine House, 27 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UH** (term time only):

Mondays 1pm-4pm
Tuesdays 9am-12pm
Thursdays 3pm-6pm

Find out more about the SIAS Team [here](#)



SIAS are offering a SEND Masterclass from January 2016. The masterclass covers information about SEND in Southwark, provision, the law around SEND, The Local Offer, processes and who does what. For more information, including how to book your place please click [here](#)



Parents and young people told us that they would like to see a dedicated area on the local offer which has all of the resources and support for 16-25 year olds. The [Youth Offer](#) launched last month.



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Information and advice service for carers

Citizens Advice Southwark are now providing information and advice service for carers in the borough. Helping to complete DLA applications, advice on welfare benefits and community care and referrals for a carer assessment, the service aims to ensure all advice needs are met.

Find out more information [here](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Local Offer Champions coffee morning: 21/03/2016

Year 5 and 6 event: 08/07/2016

Year 11 Results Drop in: 25/08/2016

Journey to Adulthood event: 29/09/2016



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