

# SYCANN COMMUNICATION August 2025

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#### INTRODUCTION

Hello and welcome to the latest South Yorkshire CANN Update.

South Yorkshire Children's Additional Needs Network shares information and helps to increase the reach of your services for children and young people in the region.

Regarding updates and information, if you have material or information that you would like forwarded to the members of the Network, or any updates, please ensure that you email it to Miriam on info@southyorkshirecann.org, before the end of the month.

Thanks to everyone who shared the information below for our latest update, which contains information and sessions for children and young people with additional needs and their parent carers.

You can find these Communications on the SYCANN Website at: https://www.southyorkshirecann.org/blog/

SYCANN MEETING DATES

#### **Future dates:**

SY CANN Quarterly Meeting Let's talk - Period (and beyond)

on Tuesday 9th Sept 2025 from 10am - 12pm

Hosted by Irwin Mitchell, Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield S3 8DT

Or Online
Microsoft Teams Need help?
Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 331 180 511 805 5
Passcode: ny7b4TN9

Please let us know if you need any support accessing the meeting

Tuesday 3rd December

10am to 12pm at Irwin Mitchell's offices in Sheffield

#### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Hi SYCANN community,

I am really looking forward to seeing you online and in person (much prefer this if you can). **Tuesday 9th September 10-12, Riverside East, Irwin Mitchell, Kelham Island.** A link has been sent. If you've not got yours, please say.

We have some fantastic speakers giving up their time to educate everyone around periods, the menopause, and beyond. I strongly encourage the fellas to join too, so you can better support the females in your household. We are delighted that our friends across the CANN's want in too! The more the merrier, I say. If there are heaps of attendees we will keep the intros brief, and support requests specific, so have a think about what that might be before joining us.

If anyone has any summer offers to share please forward these to us. You are warmly invited to join me at Clifton Park on Saturday for a family friendly picnic with SHASBAH.

Today I visited St Vincent Charity, Sheffield. They supply all sorts of things to those in need from beds to food items. Check them out on <a href="https://www.svp.org.uk">www.svp.org.uk</a> Perhaps you know someone who could benefit.

I hope you're all having an ace summer. Tramlines was a brilliant event here, though it'll be fab to have Hillsborough park back. Sheffield Cycling 4 All (free inclusive cycling offer), can get moving once more!

Speak soon,

Nina

Co-Chair: Nina Rose Co-Chair: Maxine Beckett South Yorkshire CANN

### **NEW MEMBERS**

### Go Kids Go



Go Kids Go have been running wheelchair skills training for young wheelchair users since 1990. The training is designed to enable independence and to help ensure that the young people are able to reach their full potential. We run workshops for manual and powered wheelchair users.

Some of the skills we teach in the workshop include back wheel balancing, road safety,

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manoeuvring skills and emergency evacuation as well as an introduction to wheelchair basketball. We bring extra wheelchairs so that parents, siblings and friends can join in with the activities. We also run disability/wheelchair awareness workshops in mainstream schools for pupils and staff. TV presenter Ade Adepitan MBE, learnt wheelchair skills with us as a young man and is now a patron of Go Kids Go.

https://www.go-kids-go.org.uk

### **Barnsley CVS**



Barnsley CVS stands for Barnsley Community and Voluntary Services. Established in 2022, we operate as the infrastructure organisation for voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) groups in the Barnsley Borough.

**Voluntary Services** Our mission is to support and champion the VCSE sector, helping it reach its full potential.

https://www.barnsleycvs.org.uk/

If you know of any groups that may be interested, please get them in touch!

#### LATEST NEWS AND INFORMATION

#### RESEARCH

No research projects this month

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - NATIONAL/ONLINE**

### Keep Connected: Understanding & living with an acquired brain injury (ABI) in children

This online support event is for parents and carers who suspect their child has an acquired brain injury (ABI) following meningitis.

Date: 16 September 2025 Time: 10.30 am - 12 pm

What topics will the course cover?

Does your child have long-term after-effects from meningitis, such as fatigue, memory problems, changes in behaviour, or sensory issues?

Do you think they have an acquired brain injury (ABI), but you are struggling to get this recognised? Do you need support to get a diagnosis?

What strategies can you give your child to help with their after-effects? And how can you get the support your child deserves in school?

We are delighted to have Dalia Chowdhury, Educational Service Manager at the Child Brain Injury Trust, join us for this online event, to talk us through the journey of getting an acquired brain injury (ABI) diagnosis and the issues your child might be experiencing.

Dalia will also discuss accessing support for your child in school and ways you can support them. Find out more about Dalia here.

This online event, presented over Zoom, will be hosted by Community Support Officer, Paul Blackburn and a member of Meningitis Now staff as tech support.

Interested?

Please book here and we'll be in touch after registrations close on 1 September 2025 to confirm your place.

https://www.meningitisnow.org/get-support/support-events/online-support-events/keep-connected-understanding-living-with-an-acquired-brain-injury-abi-in-children/

Any questions?

Email Community Support Officer and event lead Paul Blackburn at paulb@meningitisnow.org

# Forever Weekend - Northampton

Join us for our Forever Weekend, a bereavement event for adults aged 18+ who have lost a loved one to meningitis, at Sedgebrook Hall, Northampton.

**Event information** 

Date: Friday 10 October 2025 - Saturday 11 October 2025

Location: Sedgebrook Hall, Pitsford Rd, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8BD

**Key Information** 

Date: Friday 10 to Saturday 11 October 2025 Time: 10am on Friday to Saturday afternoon

Location: Sedgebrook Hall, Pitsford Rd, Chapel Brampton, Northampton NN6 8BD

We are pleased to announce that our next Forever Weekend will take place at <u>Sedgebrook Hall</u>. Sedgebrook Hall is located in the picturesque village of Chapel Brampton, in the heart of the beautiful Northampton countryside. Set in idyllic country gardens, Sedgebrook Hall seamlessly mixes Victorian heritage with modern comforts. The hotel has a Gym and Pool which you can use and a beauty Spa which you can book.

Whether your loss happened recently or some time ago, by attending this event you will have the opportunity to:

- Have time away in safe and supportive surroundings
- Talk about your loved one
- Understand grief, bereavement and its impact
- Share experiences with others who understand
- Find comfort, hope and reassurance that you are not alone
- Access support from our Meningitis Now support team

Throughout the weekend you can join in the suggested programme of supportive discussion groups and creative activities – but also take time to relax and reflect with others who understand. Please join us for this warm and supportive weekend

# What's included?

Attendance; including your accommodation, full board and attendance to all sessions. If you would also like to stay at the hotel on Thursday 9 October please let us know and we will provide your room and breakfast on the Friday morning. Please arrange your own dinner for Thursday evening.

If you are unsure about attending or have any aspects you would like to talk over, please contact the event lead Esme Lee (Community Support Officer) on esmel@meningitisnow.org or call 07468476068.

Travel is not included but if the cost of travel is a barrier to you attending, please contact us.

To register, please follow the link below

Please find terms and conditions here.

 $\underline{https://www.meningitisnow.org/get-support/support-events/forever-events/forever-weekend-nor\\ \underline{thampton/}$ 

Contact our meningitis Helpline | Meningitis Now

Meningitis support in the community | Meningitis Now

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Health Conference - Principles for Delivering Clinical Tasks in Education Settings for Children and Young People with EHCPs.

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A new Health Support Assistant Role for Specialist settings to deliver medications and enteral feeds with full job protection, training and clinical supervision.

"We want to share our journey in bringing Health Governance into an educational setting."

#### **Principles**

- The importance of the principles of Health delegation to schools.
- The interpretation of the current Children & Families Act 2014.
- The importance of developing the foundations, creating new systems, including governance, data and partnership working.
- The awareness that skills already lie in the people that are in the service and understanding what a change in the system can offer in terms of opportunity.
- The importance of partnership work agreeing and sharing responsibilities.

This conference is an opportunity for colleagues in Education and Health to learn from the Newcastle Pilot and other regional groups journeys to meeting the Health Care Needs of our Children and Young People with EHCP's.

- How do we audit the Health needs in our EHCP's?
- How do we commission Health Care from the ICBs?
- How do we ensure Local Authorities provide governance of Health in Education?
- How do we secure job protection in new Health roles in partnership with the unions?
- How do we ensure clinical supervision remains with Health?

These and more questions will hopefully be answered.

















# **Health Conference Programme**

#### 9:00

Registration, coffee and networking Welcome and Introduction

#### 9:45 - 10:15

#### Benedict Coffin (DfE SEND Unit)

Identifying the areas specialist settings are experiencing. Separation of 'Supporting Children with Medical Needs advice vs entitlement.

#### 10:15 - 11:00

Principles - The Newcastle Pilot - Sharing one set of principles; one model.

#### 11:00 - 11:20

# Tea/Coffee and networking

11:20 - 11:40 Leeds

11:40 - 12:00

Bradford

12:00 - 12:20 Cumbria

12:20 - 13:10

#### Lunch and networking

13:10 - 13:50

MP for Newcastle upon Tyne North – Catherine McKinnell Minister of State for School Standards

13:50 - 14:10

Greater Manchester

14:10 - 14:30

Pharmacy Team

#### 14:30 - 14:45

# Tea/Coffee and networking

14:45 - 15:15

MISS (Medicines in Specialist Schools)

15:15 - 16:00

Q&A and networking







# For more information please contact admin@equalsoffice.co.uk

Equals national conferences are usually oversubscribed so early booking is recommended. To book a place, please email admin@equalsoffice.co.uk or you can ring using 0191 272 1222. There is also an online form on the equals website at www.equals.co.uk

















# Changing Faces Workshop for Children and Families - Supporting your child

Our Supporting Your Child online workshop is full of advice and top practical tips to support parents and carers of children and young people, who have a scar, mark or condition on their face or body that makes them look different.

Read on for more details about the workshop and to find out how to register.

# Key details

Date: Tuesday 21st October 2025

• Time: 7.15pm – 9:00pm

Location: Zoom

• Who is it aimed at? Parents and carers

# About the day

The workshop will include:

- How to handle staring and awkward social situations
- Building confidence for you and your child
- The opportunity to listen to guest speakers talking about their own experiences of living with a visible difference

To make sure everyone feels comfortable, we will be capping attendance at around 22 parents or carers. Partners and co-parents are also welcome to attend together.

Once a participant has registered for the workshop, a member of our Wellbeing Team will get in touch to arrange a short, informal pre-workshop call on Zoom to meet you.

#### Register Here:

https://www.changingfaces.org.uk/services-support/workshops-for-children-families





#### Guide Dogs My Time To Play Virtual Sessions 2025 for children with a vision impairment aged 0-4

We offer fun and supportive group sessions to help your child develop the practical skills and confidence to explore their world – all through the power of play. You will meet other parents and pick up skills from our expert staff that will help you support your child's early development with confidence.

#### Sessions run for seven consecutive weeks starting dates are:

Friday 31st January 10.00-11.00 a.m. - with Heather & Maria Monday  $3^{rd}$  March 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Imogen and Lauren Friday  $2^{nd}$  May 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Maria & Celina Wednesday  $2^{nd}$  July 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Sophie & Victoria Friday  $5^{th}$  September 10.00-11.00 a.m. - with Sharon & Abbie Friday  $23^{rd}$  October 10.30-11.30 a.m. - with Rebecca, Alice and Machala

Give them the best possible start in life and sign up for our My Time to Play virtual programme by calling 0800 781 1444 or by using the online enquiry form <a href="https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/getting-in-touch-form/">https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/getting-support/getting-in-touch-form/</a>



Guide Dogs is a working name of The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Registered Office: Hillfields, Burghfield Common, Reading, Berkshire RGT 31 A company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales (291646) and a charity registered in England and Wales (209617), Sovitation (CCD18079) and Island Mark 13 343.

#### **Yorkshire Sport Inclusive Sports Festival**

Promoting Disability and Mixed-Ability Sports Across Wakefield District. Join us at Thornes Park Stadium for a vibrant celebration of inclusive sport and physical activity on Saturday 16 August, from 11am to 2pm.

This exciting event is part of a wider initiative to expand opportunities for disabled and mixed-ability individuals to get active, have fun, and feel part of their local sporting community. The Inclusive Sports Festival offers a fantastic chance to try out a wide range of sports through hands-on taster sessions, live demonstrations, and friendly advice from expert coaches and clubs.

Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to reconnect with sport, there's something for everyone. Come along to: Discover new activities, meet local sports clubs and providers, ask questions, and get advice, find out how to get involved regularly.

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We believe that sport should be for everyone - no matter your ability. That's why we're committed to removing barriers, building confidence, and creating a welcoming space where everyone feels included and supported.

As well as come and try sports and activities there will be a partner village, art and craft zone, exhibition from local artist Jason Wilsher-Mills and much more.

If you have any accessibility requirements or would like more information about the festival, please get in touch. We're here to help make your experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

For more information, please contact Ed Montague, Yorkshire Sport Foundation at: ed.montague@yorkshiresport.org.

Let's break down barriers and build a more inclusive, active Wakefield together.



FREE SPORT TASTER EVENTS FOR ALL ABILITIES

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PARKS · FITNESS · GYM · GROUP · RUGBY · WORKOUT
CRAFT · BOWLING · ENERGY · SELF ESTEEM · FRIENDS

# SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST THORNES PARK STADIUM 11AM TO 2PM

WWW.WAKEFIELD.GOV.UK/DISABILITYSPORT





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#### **DOING IT SOLO**

Supporting lone parents of disabled children, young people and adults

Making time to acknowledge our achievements Share experiences and learn together Connect with other parents in similar situations

**Doing It Solo Summer Support Sessions** 

Mid Summer Drop in: Monday 4th August 2025 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm Late Summer Drop in: Friday 29th August 2025 - 10.30am to 12.00noon Transition to term-time: Monday 8th September 2025 - 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Funded by the Big Lottery 'Awards for All', our workshops and drop-in sessions aim to help lone parents think about and achieve their goals, learn what other support is available (especially in times of crisis), and to offer support for lone parents to self advocate.

We provide opportunities to learn practical life skills, focussing on emotional regulation and well-being. We want parents to connect and build confidence to help reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation.

for info and booking email: tony@bringingustogether.org.uk

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**Communication Matters International AAC Conference** 



# 7-9 September 2025 at the University of Leeds

Registration is now open for the UK's only in-person event that brings together AAC users, their families, carers, researchers, professionals, and suppliers for four days of learning, networking, socialising, and celebrating Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). The conference is expected to welcome 500+ attendees from the UK and beyond.

Here's a glimpse of what you can expect:

Hear from keynote speaker Professor Bronwyn Hemsley, Head of Speech Pathology, University of Technology Sydney, speaking on "Identity and Connections: AAC, AI & Authorship" 80+ presentations and workshops covering research, clinical practice, and personal stories Visit the exhibition featuring leading AAC and AT suppliers Attend the biennial AAC Awards including dinner and dancing Join the Research Study Day with parallel sessions on "The Future of AI in AAC" and "Becoming an Aided Communicator"

To learn more visit https://www.communicationmatters.org.uk/conference/

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL**

Hi there,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority. We recently held a series of regional workshops to help shape a new walking, wheeling, and cycling strategy for the region and now we're offering additional online sessions to ensure we hear from as many voices as possible.

We're keen to hear from a wide range of community groups and individuals to make sure the future of travel works for everyone. Whether you're involved in a local group, community organisation, or simply have ideas you'd like to share, your perspective matters to us.

This is an opportunity to have your say and help shape a healthier, more inclusive, and better-connected transport system for South Yorkshire.

If you or your organisation would be interested in joining the conversation, please sign up below. We'd love to hear from you.

Warm regards,
Mathura Mathyalahan
Project Officer
Sign up bess: (Deadline)

Sign up here: (Deadline is Aug 5th)

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/help-shape-south-yorkshires-future-on-on-walking-wheeling-cycli

ng-tickets-1500288506309

# Offer from Interplay Theatre: Touring Drift Show

Interplay Sensory Theatre have some available dates on our tour for £800 a day, and groups can get in touch with me to find out more. There's also a QR code there to recommend us to a school.

Kirsty Pennycook Interplay Theatre Artistic Director / CEO

E: kirsty@interplaytheatre.org.uk



Cost: £800 per day
Shows: 2 shows per day
Capacity: 30 people max
Space required: 6m x 6m
Discounts available for
consecutive days

If this show isn't right for your setting, but you'd like to reccomend us to an SEN School, please send them this flyer, or give us their contact information here:





Dates available in South Yorkshire:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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# **Sheffield Parent Carer Forum Fun Day**

Sheffield Parent Carer forum has a fun day at Niagra on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

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# **Adult Autism and ADHD Support Hub Dates**

Please find attached the schedule for our group sessions taking place in August. We're looking forward to another month of meaningful connection and support.

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us—we're always happy to help.

We are constantly striving to improve and develop the service that we offer. One of the most valuable ways we do this is by gathering feedback from our Professional Referrers.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our short feedback questionnaire. Your insights help us understand what we're doing well and where we can do better.

https://forms.office.com/e/VTuSRFPF4h?origin=lprLink

Mobile Number: 07811 589909

Website: Mental Health Matters (mhm.org.uk)

Service opening times: Monday: 10:00 – 15:30, Wednesday 10:00 – 15:30 and Sunday: 17:00 –

20:30



# Adult Autism and ADHD Support Hub August 2025

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Monday – 04/08/2025 Virtual support till 12:00 Face-to-face support 12:00 – 15:30	Monday - 04/08/2025 12:15 - 13:30 @ 48 Bank Street Zones of Regulation (3/6) Face-to-face and virtually Face-to-face = FULLY BOOKE12D	Wednesday - 06/08/2025 Drop-in 1:2:1 support ■ 44 Bank Street, 51 205 - 10:00 – 14:00 Please keep in mind that latest drop-in for 1:2:1 is   ■ 13:15 to be able to offer a 45min session	Wednesday – 06/08/2025 12:15 – 13:30 @ 44 Bank Street, 51 2DS Art session Express yourself through Art Share your creativity with the World Welcome to bring your own art material/equipment or make use of our art material/equipment
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Monday – 25/08/2025 Drop-in 1:2:1 support @ 48 Bank Street, 51 205 - 1:00 0 – 14:00 Pleaso kaep in mind that latest drop-in for 1:2:1 is @ 13:15 to be able to offer a 45min session	Monday – 25/08/2025 12:00 – 14:00 @ 44 Bank Street; 51 205 Dungeons & Dragons – Group 1 Please let us know if you would like to join	Wednesday – 27/08/2025  Drop-in 1:21 support  @ 44 Bank Street, 51 205 - 10:00 – 14:00  Please keep in mind that labest drop-in for 1:2:1 is  @ 13:15 to be able to offer a 45min session	Wednesday – 27/08/2025 12:00 – 14:00 @ 44 Bank Street; S1 2DS Dungeons & Dragons – Group 2 Please let us know if you would like to join

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#### **Sheffield SSENDIAS YouTube Channel**

We have added more videos to our YouTube channel.

Quick Guides to SEN Support in Mainstream Schools and EHC Needs Assessment and Plans in various languages including:

Farsi, Urdu, Pothwari, Romanian, Tigrinya and Slovak.

More videos in more languages will be added soon, so keep a look out for those!

SSENDIAS YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@SheffieldSENDIAS">https://www.youtube.com/@SheffieldSENDIAS</a>

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# **Sheffield SENDIASS Training Dates**

Our online Parents Information Sessions are running through the holidays and into the new term SEN Support in Schools - 30th September 2025

What is a Needs Assessment for EHC Plan - 21st October 2025

Checking a Draft EHC Plan - 31st July, 4th August, 12th August 2025 and weekly throughout the year

Keep an eye on our website for more sessions!

Events and Training: <a href="https://sheffieldsendias.org.uk/training-events-webinars">https://sheffieldsendias.org.uk/training-events-webinars</a>

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#### **Neurodiversity Sheffield**

Did you know as well as the drop in cafes, Neurodiversity Sheffield have lots of useful resources on their website? They have useful fact sheets as well as suggestions of books for children and parents!

Click the button below below to check them out

Resources: https://family-action.org.uk/neurodiversity-sheffield-resources

# **SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS AND CONTACT DETAILS:**

Website: www.southyorkshirecann.org
Email: info@southyorkshirecann.org
X: https://x.com/CannSouth

Bluesky: https://bsky.app/sycann.bsky.social

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/south-yorkshire-cann

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/southyorkshirecann FB private group for members: https://www.facebook.com/groups/sycann

Please share SY CANN links with your followers and encourage them to follow too. Please add <a href="mailto:info@southyorkshirecann.org">info@southyorkshirecann.org</a> to your Contact list to stop it going into junk.