



**SYCANN COMMUNICATION**  
**June 2026**

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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 [southyorkshire@cann-network.org](mailto:southyorkshire@cann-network.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.cann-network.org/blog/>

### SYCANN MEETING DATES

*Please let us know if you need any support accessing the meetings*

#### **Upcoming Meeting:**

30th June 2026  
24th November 2026  
10am to 12pm

Irwin Mitchell's offices in Sheffield  
Riverside East House, 2 Millsands, Sheffield S3 8DT

### **10 Years of CANN: Reflecting on the National Knowledge Exchange**

Recently, we marked a decade of the Children with Additional Needs Network (CANN) with our National Knowledge Exchange. It was a privilege to see so many professionals from the third sector and charity world come together to celebrate how far this voluntary network has come.

A huge thank you to Irwin Mitchell for hosting us and for their continued support of the network. It was fantastic to gather in a space that fosters such important conversations.

Our chair for the morning, Lucy Owen (Chief Executive, SNAPS Yorkshire CIO), set the tone perfectly by reflecting on the far-reaching impact of CANN over the last ten years. As Lucy highlighted, even when time is short, the importance of carving out space for peer support and shared information is vital for our sector's wellbeing.

We were also honoured to welcome back Karen Hoe OBE, one of the original founders of the network in Leeds, who shared her expert perspective on the changing landscape of charity leadership and innovation.

The morning provided real, "Monday-ready" insights from our brilliant speakers:

Michael Guy on honest prioritisation: "When everything is important, nothing is important."

Sophie Lowe on resilience and why we should "be more zebra."

Mark Armstrong on using AI for "more mission, less admin."

Vic Hancock Fell on the essential power of networking and community.

This event feels like a new step for the CANN network—a commitment to even better communication and support across the third sector.

We need your feedback!

To help us decide if this should become an annual event, please take a moment to fill out our short feedback form:



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKBH038mbGIGSuto5zpm2q\\_wxm2zoVbVPbkyP89iaqJ9Uh7w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKBH038mbGIGSuto5zpm2q_wxm2zoVbVPbkyP89iaqJ9Uh7w/viewform)

### **Missed the live session?**

You can read the full summary and watch the webinar recording on our website:

<https://www.cann-network.org/news/cann-national-knowledge-exchange-reflecting-on-10-years-and-looking-ahead/>

## CHAIR COMMENTS

Welcome to your latest SYCANN newsletter! As we move into June, our focus turns to the incredible power of connection, peer support, and the growing community we are so privileged to champion across South Yorkshire.

Reflecting on our recent National Knowledge Exchange, which marked a wonderful decade of the Children with Additional Needs Network (CANN), it was truly inspiring to see so many professionals and charities from across the third sector come together. As it was beautifully highlighted during the event, even when time is short and resources are stretched, carving out dedicated space for shared information and peer support is absolutely vital for our sector's collective wellbeing.

With the summer months approaching, we want to extend an exceptionally warm welcome to all our members—both our long-standing partners and the wonderful new charities joining the SYCANN family this month. Our network thrives on your shared insights, dedication, and collaborative spirit. We are looking forward to reconnecting, sharing updates, and continuing our vital collective work at our upcoming regional meeting on Tuesday 30th June. Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support and change lives across South Yorkshire.

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SYCANN Co-Chair's  
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## NEW MEMBERS

### Harry's Pals



Harry's Pals is a charity supporting parents in England whose child has a life-limiting or life-threatening condition. Our work is centred on reducing isolation, improving wellbeing, and creating meaningful support networks for families navigating complex and often overwhelming circumstances.

Created by Harry's mum and founder, Hayley Charlesworth, Harry's Pals was built through lived experience and a deep understanding of the challenges families can face when caring for a seriously ill child. Harry, the charity's namesake, remains at the heart of the organisation and its commitment to ensuring families feel seen, supported, and connected.

<https://harrypals.co.uk/>

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### **National Deaf Children's Society**

The National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) is the leading UK charity dedicated to supporting deaf children, young people, and their families, regardless of hearing loss level. They provide free, expert information, local support groups, advocacy, and online resources covering education, health, and technology to empower families and remove barriers to childhood

We're here for deaf children and everyone who cares about them. Whatever the question or challenge, we help find a way through.

We empower families to connect and drive change in their communities, and we campaign to make sure deaf children get the support they need.

We lead the way, sharing insight and knowledge in the UK and internationally.

<http://www.ndcs.org.uk>



### **The Movement Centre**

At The Movement Centre, they provide specialist paediatric physiotherapy for children with movement difficulties. They are proud to specialise in Targeted Training, an evidence-based and life-changing

therapy designed to help children and young people with movement disorders including Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, acquired brain injuries and genetic disorders.

Through a structured course of therapy, children can develop new physical skills, develop strength, and improve postural control, leading to improved independence and confidence; changes that can have a profound and lasting impact on daily life.

They offer a fully-funded 12 month course of physiotherapy, with check-ins in person with our expert team and ongoing support and guidance so that therapy can be carried out safely and effectively at home.

<https://the-movement-centre.co.uk/>

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

*If you are not yet on the CANN website, you can be added by completing this form:*

<https://www.cann-network.org/member-registration-form/>

*Please only use contact details that are for public use*

## INFORMATION & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - REGIONAL

### Molly's Mates Open Day

amyshouse.org.uk/mollys-mates

*Come and join us at the...*

# Molly's Mates Open Day

Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Time slots available

**10am-12pm** **1-3pm** **4-6pm**

The Hope Centre, Bernard Road, Sheffield, S2 5BQ



### A dedicated service for adults with additional needs

Molly's Mates is the Amy's House Charity's dedicated day service for adults aged 18 plus with complex needs. Building on the same inclusive, therapeutic approach as Amy House, Molly's Mates offers ongoing support beyond childhood, helping individuals develop life skills, build confidence, and enjoy meaningful experiences in a safe, nurturing environment.

We understand that turning 18 doesn't mean the need for care, structure, and enrichment disappears. That's why Molly's Mates is here, to provide a space where adults with additional needs can continue to thrive, connect with others, and take positive steps towards greater independence.

### Our service

Molly's Mates follows a flexible day service model, tailored to each person's abilities, interests, and goals. Whether it's learning practical life skills, exploring creative hobbies, or simply enjoying social time with friends, every session is designed to promote personal growth, wellbeing, and a sense of belonging. We deliver our sessions at a fully accessible centre at The Hope Centre, Bernard Road, Sheffield.

We work closely with individuals and their families to create personalised support plans, ensuring that everyone who attends feels safe, understood, and empowered to achieve at their own pace.

We have an experienced team that brings the same care, dedication, and specialist knowledge that Amy's House is known for.

### Our programme

Our programme includes a wide range of activities focused on both enjoyment and development, such as:

- **Life skills training** – cooking, budgeting, shopping trips, household tasks
- **Health and wellbeing** – gentle exercise, mindfulness, outdoor activities
- **Social outings** – cinema trips, bowling, meals out, local events
- **Community engagement** – building relationships, communication skills, and confidence in social settings
- **Creative sessions** – arts and crafts, music, media projects

Each activity is designed to encourage independence, boost self-esteem, and support adults in leading fulfilling, active lives.

**How to find us:** By car: just off the Sheffield Parkway with large carpark available.  
By tram: Hyde Park stop.  
By bus: the 24 or 25.

### Community Celebration & Charity Showcase

Join us for our special event bringing together members, supporters, and local businesses for a celebration of community, talent, and impact.





Our day will highlight the incredible work being done within the spina bifida community, and create a welcoming place for connection and fun.

Buffet and Social

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Enjoy a delicious buffet with a variety of options available. Whether you're catching up with familiar faces or meeting new people, it will be a day centred around a relaxed atmosphere.

## Neurodiversity Sheffield Drop-in Cafe Sessions



**Neurodiversity Sheffield Early Help Drop-in**

- Do you have a child or young person who is living with ADHD or Autism?
- Is your child waiting for a diagnosis of neurodivergence?
- Do you need advice or support around behaviours in your child or young person which might be indicative of neurodivergence?

Delivered by Family Action and supported by Sheffield Parent Hub, Sheffield Family Hubs and Sheffield City Council.

Our informal drop in coffee sessions are a chance to have a chat with other parents/carers who are experiencing similar concerns. You will also have the chance to meet staff from Neurodiversity Sheffield, Sheffield Family HUBS, Ryegate, and other agencies who support families with neurodivergence.

**Come along for help, support, advice and information.**

In the event of snow/ice please check our Facebook page for updates, or phone ahead to check whether the session has been cancelled.

✉ neurodiversity.sheffield@family-action.org.uk


☎ 0114 2412733 or 07816 408019

📍 **Neurodiversity Sheffield**  
Lowedges Community Centre, Gresley Road,  
Sheffield, S8 7HN

At Lowedges Community Centre:  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February,  
9.30am-12.00pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June,  
9.30am-12.00pm

**No diagnosis or booking required!**

For more information about our service, scan



or visit **family-action.org.uk**

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## Barnsley CVS News

We are hosting a Volunteer Awareness and Recruitment Event during Volunteers Week on the 3rd June, 10.30am-2.30pm at Barnsley Civic. Please share with your service users!

Our Young People's Volunteer Coordinator, John, is currently doing some research into the challenges and barriers facing VCSEs in Barnsley when it comes to hosting volunteers under the age of 18. This is with a view to tailoring the support we are able to offer to both VCSEs and young volunteers. If you could take 5 minutes to complete the form below, it will massively benefit both

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young people in Barnsley and community groups, charities and other voluntary sector organisations in the borough. We need a mixture of both organisations who DO currently have young volunteers, and those who DO NOT, so everyone is encouraged to complete the form. Thank you.

[Hosting Young Volunteers - Barriers and Challenges – Fill in form](#)

The next Community and Voluntary Sector Designated Safeguarding Lead Network is on 11th June, 12pm-1.30pm, on Microsoft Teams.

To book please email [barnsleysafeguardingchildrenspartnership@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:barnsleysafeguardingchildrenspartnership@barnsley.gov.uk)

Thanks to everyone who responded to the consultation event for Pathways to Work Community Grants 2026/27. There will be a drop in session to ask questions about the process on Thurs 11th June from 12pm – 1pm on Teams. More details and link to follow.

We're hiring an Area Fundraising Manager. [Find out more and apply here.](#)

Did you know we have a venue available to hire in Monk Bretton? Whether this is for your staff meeting or community event we could host you! [Find out more!](#)

We have a dedicated team of community accountants who are here to help do your accounts, payroll and bookkeeping. Why not take one thing off your to-do list? [Find out more here.](#)

Read more: <https://aidemail.co.uk/campaigns/barnsleycvs/IWhXz9T47iRcnMu6iXiicRyJZ>

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

Firstly, we would like to thank you for your support over the past two and a half years. It has been greatly appreciated, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside you to support and change lives during this time.

We would like to inform you that the service will be transferring to Sheffield Mind from 01 June 2026. Please direct any new referrals to them via email at [aash@sheffieldmind.co.uk](mailto:aash@sheffieldmind.co.uk).

Please note that we no longer have any available appointments for May; therefore, we are unable to open a file for this client at this time. However, professionals and individuals are still very welcome to attend our drop-in sessions, which continue to take place on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10:00 and 14:00.

If you have any questions regarding this transition, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

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## CP Teens Upcoming Summer Activities



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## Network News: New Adult Autism and ADHD Hub Launch in Sheffield!

We are delighted to share that our network members, Sheffield Mind, officially launched their new Adult Autism and ADHD Hub recently!

The Hub provides fantastic free, non-clinical support, advice, and information for individuals aged 16 and over in Sheffield who are autistic and/or have ADHD.

Here are the key details to share with the families and individuals you support:

- ◆ **Who is it for?** Anyone aged 16+ who lives in Sheffield and is registered with a Sheffield GP. This includes those with a diagnosis, those currently awaiting assessment, or those who self-identify, as well as their carers. **A formal diagnosis is not required to access support.**
- ◆ **What support is available?** The Hub offers a safe, welcoming space providing:
  - Information on diagnoses and guidance on the diagnostic process

- Mental health advice and signposting to local resources
- Peer support opportunities, confidence building, and family support
- Employment support and updates on local social activities

◆ **How to access it:** Individuals can drop in, book a 45-minute appointment (face-to-face, phone, or online), or attend small, staff-supported group sessions.

👉 **Important Update:** The Hub will be open to new referrals starting from **1st June 2026**.

To find out more about the service, view their opening hours, or access the simple referral form, please visit the Sheffield Mind website:

<https://www.sheffieldmind.co.uk/adult-autism-and-adhd-hub>

Please feel free to share and circulate these details with anyone who might find this support valuable!

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