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What is the SEND Intervention Board?



So we have looked at the definition of SEND and considered Somerset's SEND Strategy so far to see what the local area wants for every child and young person with SEND.

But what is the local area doing to hold itself to account?

For the last year a multi-agency SEND Intervention Board has been in place to lead the work. This board includes partners from the local area; Education, Health (Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group and Somerset Partnership), Social Care and the Parent Carer Forum.

The SEND Intervention Board reports into the Children's Trust and the Health and Wellbeing Board - they hold overall responsibility and accountability for the six workstreams supporting work on SEND:

1. Participation and Engagement
2. Early Years (0-5)
3. Supporting Inclusive Schools
4. Preparation for Adulthood
5. Assessment, Planning and Review
6. Joint Commissioning and Partnership

Talented Avalon Artists

Talented Avalon Artists have sold £1,000 of art work in a week!

Pupils of Avalon are raising money for a new hydrotherapy pool and following the success of their art work, mugs, cards and tote bags are now available.

Avalon is looking for businesses to work with the school or sell their artwork— please visit their [website](#) for more information.



Weeks to Wellbeing

Are you aged 18-25 years living with a disability or long term health condition? Compass Wellbeing is offering a **FREE** 16 week course to help you gain confidence and independence and learn life skills. The course includes mindfulness, active living workshops, healthy eating, independent living skills and online safety and starts on 29th August 2018. If you would like to find out more please contact Justine on 01823 282823 or by [email](#).



Hello my name is...

...Shona Turnbull-Kirk and I am a new member of the team in Somerset CCG as Programme lead for SEND. My background is in paediatric nursing, working in both in Yeovil and Taunton hospitals on the children's wards and Taunton's neonatal intensive care unit. I have most recently worked in Somerset Partnership firstly as a health visitor and the past two years managing the public health nurse team in Mendip. This is an exciting new role for me and the organisation. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the warm welcome I have received by all to date.



Do you know an 'Unsung Hero?'

The Engagement and Participation Team have been working with the Parent Carer Forum to look for examples of what's working well across Somerset. They would like to hear success stories for children and young people and to celebrate those working with them. Young people and parent carers are planning an event to celebrate Somerset's Unsung Heroes in October and we need you to nominate!

Please encourage children, young people and families to nominate as well as nominate those families you are working with!

Please [email the team](#) for more information and a nomination form.

