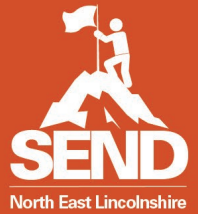




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## Learn about the history of neurodivergent brains

Pop into Cleethorpes Library to see a fantastic exhibit that celebrates the history of neurodivergent brain.

Discover History of Autism and More! Explore the wonderful and weird history of neurodiversity.

Where: Albert Room, Cleethorpes Library, Cleethorpes, DN35 8LG

When: 9am - 5pm | 19 October - 26 October

Free to experience and you get a free book! [The Faraway CIC – Posts | Facebook](#)



[Here are some other fun things going on in our borough](#)

- Tomorrow! Saturday 22 [Sensory Cinema - Swampin' with Shrek | CineShow](#)
- 27 October- Viking arts and crafts- [Our big picture | Facebook](#)
- [Have howling good fun this Halloween in North East Lincolnshire - NELC | NELC \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

Make sure to follow the Families First Facebook page for local activities, childcare and more. [Families First | Cleethorpes \(facebook.com\)](#)

## Strictly star Joanne Clifton opens new cinema room at St Andrews Hospice

[Strictly Come Dancing](#) star Joanne Clifton has opened the new cinema room at St Andrew's Hospice, complete with massive screen and comfy seats.



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The room is able to house 10 guests at any one time and comes with surround sound, cinema seats, movie posters and even a sparkling ceiling. The room will be used by children at the [Hospice](#), along with their families.

[Strictly star Joanne Clifton opens 'magical' new cinema room at St Andrew's Hospice - Grimsby Live \(grimsbytelegraph.co.uk\)](#)

## Plans? New events and training calendar

We have updated the Local Offer Events and Training page.

See what's on- [NELC SEND Local Offer | Events \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

You can now use the search function and filters to make it easier to find what you need.

Search for things like, autism, early years, and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH).

### What's on?

- **Autism**
  - If your child has a diagnosis of autism why not join EarlyBird Plus, for younger children up to age 9.
  - There are also spaces left for the Teen Life Autism Programme coming up in April.
- **Makaton**
  - Spaces are also filling up on the Makaton Taster, and Level 1, and 2 courses.
- **Sleep**
  - Problems with sleep affect children and young people with SEND more than their peers. There are more dates for the parent and carer sleep workshop.

## SENCo Forum

Over 100 SENCo's from schools across the borough came together to meet face to face for the time since Covid on Monday 17 October at Grimsby Town Hall.

The event was a huge success.

Rebecca Taylor (Head of SEND and Inclusion) led the agenda for the morning and discussed the big picture of SEND in our local area with a particular focus on Social,





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Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) for children and young people aged 0-25.

Topics included:

- The Graduated Response to SEMH created by Claire Gordon (Specialist SEMH Advisory Teacher)
- The new Emotional Based Barriers to School Attendance (EBBSA) Support Team
- The Emotional Literacy Support Advice Team
- Compass Go mental health and emotional wellbeing provider
- NE Lincs Autism in Schools project
- Early Help and Children's social Care
- 14+ health checks for young people with additional needs

Activity providers from across the borough attended to network with educational professionals who help to plan other enriching activities for their students.

[NELC SEND Local Offer | Successful SENCo Forum Autumn 2022 \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

## Kooth

Kooth is safe, anonymous mental health and emotional wellbeing support for young people online.

Show your children Kooth- [Home - Kooth](#).

## Join in the fun

Parents and carers of children with SEND have often asked our team about local activities for their children.

They want to know that their kids can join in, that their needs will be understood, and it will be a positive experience for them.

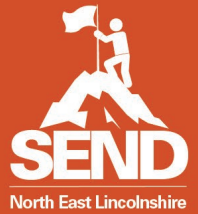
Universal activities are the things that every child with or without SEND can participate in.

We want to work with local activity providers to help to make them more inclusive. **But first, we need you to tell us what it is that you and your child needs.**

Give us as much or as little info as you'd like but it's taken other parent carers about four minutes to complete. [Inclusive activities for your child \(microsoft.com\)](#).

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We love hearing about new places that you've found that are accommodating to those with SEND. Share what you've found by emailing [lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:lauren.thompson2@nelincs.gov.uk).

### Kids eat free

See these places where kids can eat for free or for £1 over the October half term.

Sign up to the Job Centre mailing list for more information like this.

- Asda Cafe- Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend.
- Sizzling pubs- Sizzling Pubs. Monday to Friday, 3pm to 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal
- Beefeater and Brewers Fayre- Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult
- Tesco Cafe- Kids eat free with any purchase of fresh fruit
- Morrisons-Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily and get one free kids' meal
- Hungry Horse- Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am-12pm
- Farmhouse Inns- Kids eat free for £1 when you sign up to their email list
- Stonehouse Pizza & Carvery- Kids can eat for just £1, with an adult meal
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### EHCP Annual Review

Is your child's EHCP Annual Review coming up?

Remember that you can both see a copy of their plan before hand. It helps to remind you of what was expected and prepare any questions that you may have.





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Give us your feedback after the review. It's an important part of the process. Your child can do the same.

It only takes a few minutes to tell us how it went. [EHCP Annual Survey Review | QuestionPro Survey](#)

At this time, it's a good idea to think about encouraging your older child of 14 and older to start going to their Annual Health Checks. They will need to be on their doctor's learning disability register.

Find out more- [Learning disabilities - Annual health checks - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk).

We've been updating our guidance and information for professionals. We have added a page on 'Capturing the voice of the child'. Professionals will use this to get your child's views when making plans for them and in documents like their EHCP. [NELC SEND Local Offer | Capturing the voice of the child \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](http://nelincs.gov.uk)

**FILM WORKSHOP**  
**Wednesday 9th & 16th November @**  
**Foresight in Grimsby 4-6pm**

Are you aged 14-25 and interested in drama and acting? We need aspiring young actors to take part in our workshops to make a video to promote annual health checks for people with a learning disability.

If you would like to take part or for more information, contact Jo on 07562655974 or [joanne.nejrup@nhs.net](mailto:joanne.nejrup@nhs.net)



Parental consent required if under 18 and you must be able to attend both dates above



other young creatives with learning disabilities on 9 or 16 November from 4-6pm at Foresight.

### Film workshop for SEND!

Join an exciting film workshop for children and young people with SEND.

Did you know if you are If you're over 14, with a learning disability, on the learning disability register you should receive an annual health check.

We are looking for young people and their parent carers who would like to feature in a short film to promote annual health checks.

The team are holding a brainstorming workshop to create the video. Join



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These workshops are on the Events and Training calendar. [NELC SEND Local Offer | FILM WORKSHOP \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

If you're interested and want to be involved in the workshops or video then please contact [joanne.nejrup@nhs.net](mailto:joanne.nejrup@nhs.net).

You will need consent from your parents to be in the video.

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We've developed a new page on the Local Offer which tells you everything you need to know about Annual Health Checks.

[NELC SEND Local Offer | Annual Health Check \(nelincs.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Autism in Schools**

### **Autism in Schools - Parent Supporting Parents Forums**

The first Autism in Schools (AIS) Parent Supporting Parents (PSP) Forum for this school year was held at Grimsby Town Hall on Tuesday 4 October 2022.

The practitioners and the parents/carers, as their comments show, felt that it was positive, and everyone participated in working together to improve the experiences of their children and young people within their individual school.

The Forum was led by Nicola Chappel, Service Manager - Autism in Schools.

Practitioners and speakers that attended included:

- Leanne Turner, Psychology Assistant from Compass Go
- Harry Dixon, Engagement and Participation Worker from Compass GO
- Lucy McLachlan, Emotionally Based Barriers to School Attendance (EBBSA)

Parent carers and practitioners said:

*"I like the fact that parents can voice their own personal experience and get feedback or advice from other professionals and from other parents too"*

*"[I liked] being with people with the same goal."*



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*“Very engaging and good communication across the forum” School Champion*

## Foresight Jobs Fair

Foresight (North East Lincolnshire) Limited operates throughout North and North East Lincolnshire to meet the needs and requirements of disabled people, their families, and carers. Our Mission Statement is “To provide the way forward for the disabled community of North and North East Lincolnshire and surrounding areas. Empowering individuals to a new beginning, a brighter future, and a full and enjoyable life.”

Foresight is having a jobs fair on Monday 14 November from 10am to 2pm.

Email Rebecca Burrows at [rebecca.burrows@foresight-nelincs.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.burrows@foresight-nelincs.org.uk).

Foresight have activities for children and young people with SEND during the school holidays. Find out more [Foresight North East Lincolnshire - Children Services \(foresight-nelincs.org.uk\)](http://foresight-nelincs.org.uk).

They are looking for volunteers to support service users. A DBS is necessary, and Foresight will fund this. Volunteering is a great way for people to start and to build up their own confidence, work skills etc.

They can also offer work experience in the Kitchen, café, IT, Life skills, ESOL and much more.

Did you know that they provide a ‘Meals Service?’ If you are disabled or ill and cannot cook for yourself pay just £7 for lunch and a pudding. This includes delivery.

## Parent representatives needed

Parent carer representatives are needed to co-produce the adult autism strategy that will be going out to consultation soon.

**JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FAIR**

**Monday 14th November**  
**10:00 - 14:00**  
**155-159 Freeman Street DN32 7AR**

Come see all we have to offer featuring **AMAZING** opportunities from:

Centre 4, The Best Connection EMPLOYMENT GROUP, Home From Home Care, care plus Provider of Choice, North East Lincolnshire Women's Aid

And many more!

✉ [rebecca.burrows@foresight-nelincs.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.burrows@foresight-nelincs.org.uk)



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If you are the parent of someone with autism who is over the age of 18 we would like to work with you to create the new adult autism strategy.

The adult autism strategy gives our services a strong direction to help adults with autism lead happy and fulfilling lives. Your experience is the expertise that we need to help to make our offer better for all local people.

You are needed right now so please get in touch soon to find out more.

Please contact Angie Kershaw at [angie.kershaw1@nhs.net](mailto:angie.kershaw1@nhs.net).

## SENDIASS

SENDIASS provide support for SEND, across education, health and social care.



[Sendiass North East Lincolnshire | Facebook](#)

Contact SENDIASS:

Call- 01472 326363

Email- [ask@nelsendiass.org.uk](mailto:ask@nelsendiass.org.uk)

[SENDIASS – NELC – Just another WordPress site \(nelsendiass.org.uk\)](https://nelsendiass.org.uk)

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If you have questions about SEND we are always here to help. Please don't hesitate to email [sen@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:sen@nelincs.gov.uk). We always try to make sure that children and parents/ carers voices are heard.





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*These Weekly SEND parent/carers newsletters are shared with teams within education, health and social care as well as parents/carers SENCOs, the DfE and local charities.*

*If parents/carers or young people over 16 do not have access to the internet or if they prefer to receive paper copies only please contact [sen@nelincs.gov.uk](mailto:sen@nelincs.gov.uk).*