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NEWSLETTER

June 2025

PCF NEWS

In order to keep you up to date on all of the works we are involved in to ensure that your experiences are heard, we have created a new BLOG area on our website here <https://www.pcfcheshirewest.org/pfc-stories>

Here are some of the latest updates.....

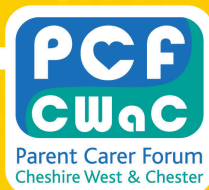
Cheshire Neurodevelopmental Clinical Network - **Update**



A range of new and improved resources are now available to support neurodivergent children, young people, and their families across Cheshire and Merseyside. These include local and national directories, practical guides for families and professionals, and the trial of a new Neurodiversity Profiling Tool designed to ensure needs-led, timely support without the need to wait for diagnosis.

There are also updates on local services such as SPOTTS (Sensory Processing OT Service), the development of a new GP-led Adult ADHD model in West Cheshire, and professional feeding support for children on the autism pathway.

Cheshire Neurodevelopment Clinical Network Update



Neurodiversity Profiling Tool Update: PROFILE STUDY (CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

**Cheshire and Merseyside
Neurodiversity Profiling Tool Pilot Evaluation
(April 2025 – March 2026)**

Neurodiversity Profiling Tool Update: PROFILE STUDY (CHESHIRE AND WIRRAL PARTNERSHIP NHS FOUNDATION TRUST)

The Centre for Autism Neuro Developmental Disorders and Intellectual Disabilities (CANDDID) study team are evaluating the Neurodiversity Profiling Tool pilot and would really value your views.

Find out more by tapping the link below.

Neurodiversity Profiling Tool Study



Trust, Inclusion, and Leadership in SEND

Navigating the complexities of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is a journey of challenge, learning, and opportunity. This programme's focus on systemic transformation, collaboration, and co-production provided timely insights that complement the ongoing work in Cheshire West and Chester, including the SEND Strategy Plan and the newly formed SEND Strategy Partnership Board. Tap the link below to find out more.

Reflections on Leadership in SEND and Alternative Provision with the
National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTI)



PCF Events





Parent Carer Forum
Cheshire West & Chester

PCF Event - Online

Wed 16th July
10am - 11.30am

Transport update and AGM

**Stay Informed on New Transport
Arrangements & Progress Updates!**

Join us online on Wed 16th July at 10am

**Join us to learn about the latest transport
arrangements and reflect on the progress
made over the past 12 months since the
publication of our PCF Survey.**

**Stay updated, get involved, and help
shape the future!**

[Book your place here!](#)



Parent Carer Forum
Cheshire West & Chester

Drop-In Session

Sip & Learn

17th July

All Welcome
10am - 12pm

Topic: Planning for the Future

Plan for the Future with Expert Financial Guidance!

Join us for an informative session with financial experts from **Co-Op**, covering **Wills, Trusts, and financial planning** for you and your child with **SEND**. Gain peace of mind by preparing for the future today.

Chance to catch up with other parents and carers in an informal setting.



DOWN SYNDROME
CHESHIRE

Venue: DSC Hub, Denton Drive, Northwich CW9 7LU

www.pcfcheshirewest.org/whats-on

Op, who will guide you through important topics such as Wills, Trusts, and Financial Planning for you and your child with SEND.

Gain peace of mind by preparing for the future today.

Meet and chat with other parents and carers in a relaxed setting.

Everyone is welcome!

Professional Updates & Engagement



New Cheshire and Merseyside neurodevelopment pathway, including the This is Me profiling tool to better support neurodivergent children and young people. Find out from the link below.

[Neurodevelopment Pathway Update](#)



Join the Conversation on School Uniforms!

Cheshire West & Chester are bringing together parents, carers, young people, schools, and organisations across Cheshire West to shape the future of school uniform policies, making them fair, affordable, and supportive for all families.

Upcoming Sessions – Choose the one that suits you:

Online: Thursday 3rd July, 12:30–1:30pm

Winsford (Wyvern House): Monday 7th July, 9:30–10:30am

Chester (HQ): Thursday 10th July, 2:30–3:30pm

Before joining, please take 5 minutes to complete our School Uniform Survey and share your views — even if you can't attend a session!

[Find Out More Here!](#)



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If you are interested in being involved,
We want to hear from you if you are:

- Aged 13-19 years or up to 25 years if SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- Passionate about making a difference
- Interested in listening to others
- Want to improve things for other young people locally, regionally and nationally

For further information please contact:
Quality Assurance & Participation Officer on 07917158055
 Email: youngpeopleservice@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

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YOUTH SERVICE

Early Help and Prevention Service
Community safety and youth service

Cheshire West and Chester

Meetings every other Tuesday at The Hive Winsford, 630-830pm

Signposting News

MHST SUMMER WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

For parents of children
attending an MHST school

NHS
Cheshire and Wirral
Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

CWP NHS are
delivering a
series of FREE
group
interventions
for parents.

FREE support from Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP NHS)

If your child attends a Mental Health Support School, you're invited to join a series of supportive and friendly sessions this summer to help you understand and manage your child's emotional wellbeing.

Various sessions across the borough over summer!

Please ask the providers if your school is signed up with them.

To find out more, email: cwp.cheshiremhstadmin@nhs.net



**Thriving Families
Ellesmere Port
Chester**

support for parents, carers, and children aged 0–19 (or up to 25 with SEND). Whether it's parenting guidance, mental well-being, or strengthening family relationships, we're here to assist you in a way that works best for you.

[Find Out More Here!](#)

Listening Ear

Our 1-1 telephone appointments for parent carers looking for emotional support.

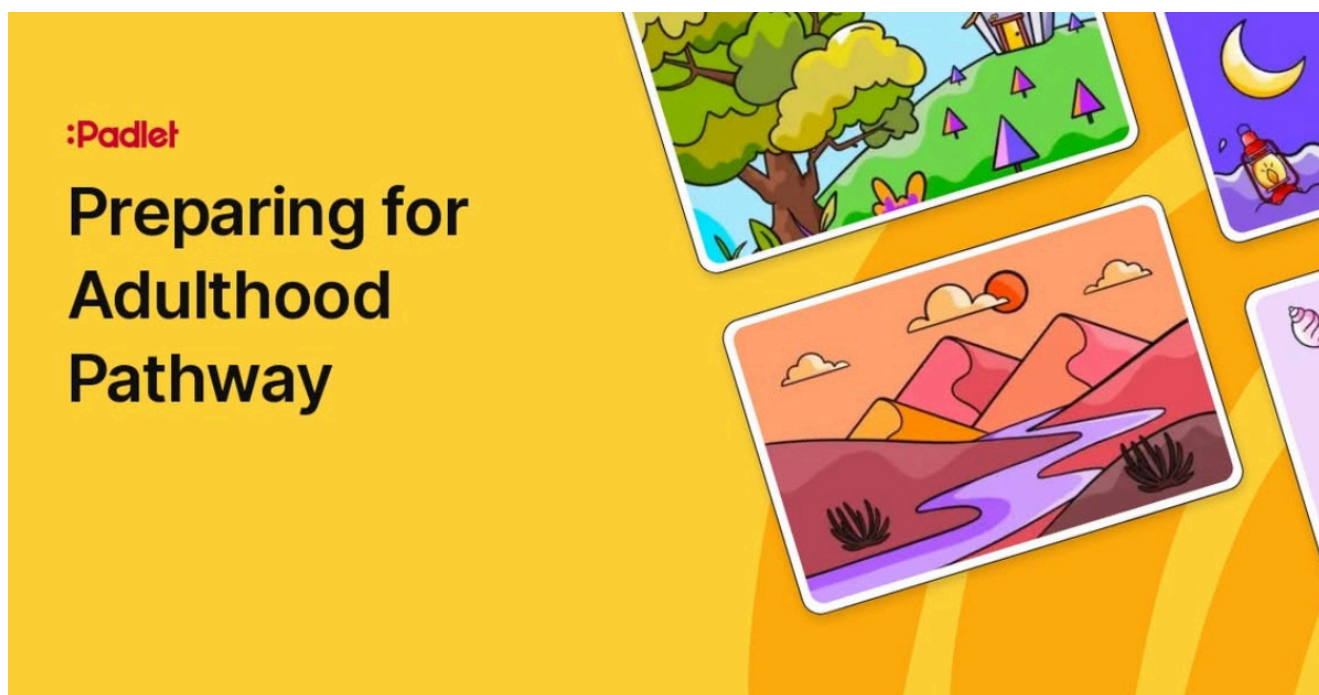
Listening Ear service offers hour-long 1-1 telephone appointments with a family support adviser.

Where our helpline provides information and advice, Listening Ear is for parent carers looking for emotional support and reassurance – though we can provide practical help too.

Freephone telephone

Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am-5pm.

[Listening Ear Information here!](#)

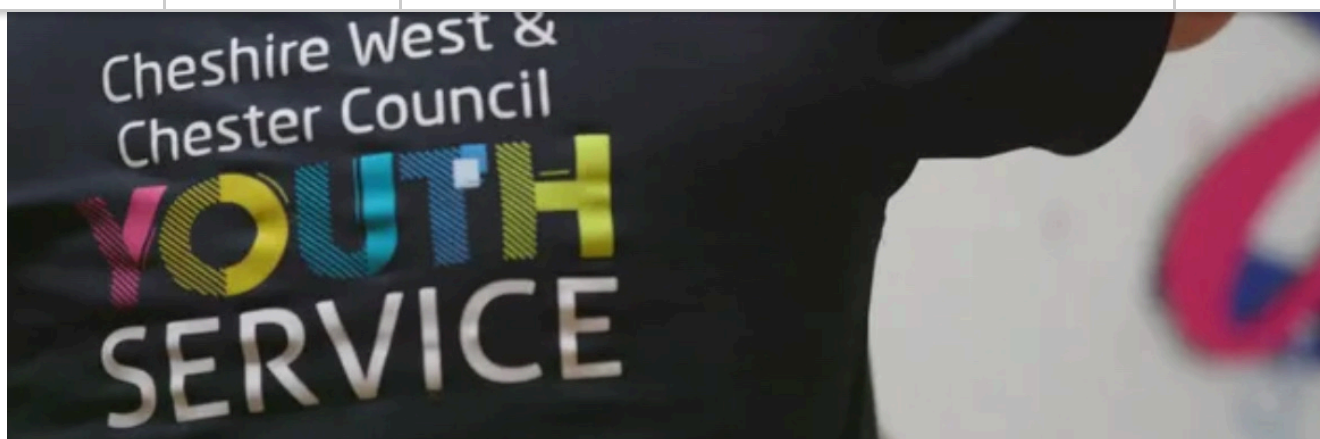


Preparation for Adulthood – Your One-Stop Padlet

A helpful, easy-to-use online noticeboard designed to support young people and their families in navigating post-16 services.

Whether you're looking for information on education, employment, independent living, or health and wellbeing, this 'one-stop shop' Padlet brings together key resources, services, and guidance to make the journey to adulthood clearer and less overwhelming.

[Preparation for Adulthood Padlet](#)



Finding the right social opportunities and support for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) can be a challenge. That's why the Cheshire West and Chester Youth Service provides free, inclusive, and engaging youth provisions across the borough.

[Find out More Here!](#)

Carefree



Need a Break? Carefree Can Help!

Through *Carefree*, hundreds of hotels across the country donate short stays to unpaid carers — giving you the chance to rest and recharge. You can book a 1–2 night

you.

[Find out more and book your break here!](#)



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

**CARERS
TRUST**Cheshire and
Warrington

*We offer the following support in rural areas around
Tarpurley, Tarvin, Kelsall, Tattenhall & Malpas for parent
carers of a child aged 4-11 years:*

- SEND Guidance, Support & Info.
- Benefits Information
- Emotional Support
- Group Information and Training
- Self Advocacy
- Family Activities
- Support Groups
- Confidence Building

For more information contact:
clareg@cheshireandwarringtoncarers.org
or 07871797342



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Volunteers Needed!



Join Our Growing Team at the Parent Carer Forum – Vacancies Available

Are you a parent or carer of a child with additional needs or a disability in Cheshire West and Chester? The Parent Carer Forum is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our team!

Why Join Us?

Amplify Your Voice: *Represent the perspectives of parents and carers in your community. Your feedback will directly influence local services and SEND policies.*

Make a Difference: *Be part of a team that shapes positive changes for children and young people with SEND.*

Flexibility: *You can get involved at a pace that works for you—whether attending meetings, gathering parent feedback, or simply being a point of contact.*

Find out more about being a PCF Representative here!

USEFUL CONTACTS



Live Well Cheshire West - <https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk>

7001 <https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/1279>

SEN Team - Tel [0151 337 6505](tel:01513376505)

senteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Starting Well - <http://www.startingwell.org.uk/>

West Cheshire 0-16 CAMHS Tel - [01244 393200](tel:01244393200)

<https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/services-and-locations/services/west-cheshire-0-16-camhs/>

IPSEA- Call-in Helpline Tel- [0300 22 5899](tel:0300225899)

<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/Pages/Category/service-overview>

CONTACT Advice Line -Tel- [0808 808 3555](tel:08088083555)

<https://contact.org.uk/>



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