



Weekly snapshot from EFF

Week ending- 8/11/2024

You said:	We did:
<p>A number of parents in Mid Essex have reported not being able to view Special Schools until a school is named in the EHCP, leading to worry and confusion as parents don't feel comfortable naming a school they haven't seen.</p>	<p><i>After speaking with the other EFF Quadrant Leads, this seems to be Essex wide. Each Quadrant Lead will speak with their SEND OPs Leads to find out more, and will feedback to you soon.</i></p>
<p>We received some feedback that parents in South Essex feel that the Short Breaks offer is hard to access and does not meet the need of their child, especially those aged over 14 and those aged between 19-25.</p>	<p><i>The Short Breaks provider for South has been contacted to clarify the process of joining the groups for parents, and to also request further information on what they currently offer for ages 14+ To access short breaks visit their webpage here Essex Short Breaks</i></p>
<p>Transport issues were raised on the South Graffiti Wall.</p>	<p><i>I was present at the meeting in the West where Transport was discussed. As many families have issues with transport, we have requested further information, and an update will be available soon. The transport team have shared a link to FAQ on their website which is quite helpful: Education Transport Travel Essex.</i></p> <p><i>If you continue to have issues with your transport provider that have not been addressed or resolved by speaking with the provider directly, then the Transport team advises that you complete the following complaints form Complaints and compliments - Essex County Council</i></p>



In other news.....

- **EFF presented to the Partnership & Integrated Care Committee of NELFT** this week to highlight how parents' feedback and involvement has helped to produce MyCareBridge. This is the new digital portal for all Children and Young People's Autism and ADHD referrals in Mid and South Essex.
- **South Essex SEND Roadshow, Billericay** – This was well attended. We met many families, listening to their experiences and feedback, and supporting where we could. We signposted parents and carers to numerous services and gave out quite a few copies of our Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child.
- **South Family Champions** - Kate and Katrina met with the MYOTAS Team this week to discuss the key issues the parents they support are facing. We also spoke about the issues that we are hearing from families and which areas we need feedback on from parents and carers. It was a productive meeting with lots to work on.
- **Resource Pack** - We continue to send out hard copies of the "Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child" resource pack to families and professionals. We have now received and fulfilled over 5000 requests for this valuable resource.
- **PINS** - We attended a meeting to update NHS England on the current progress of the PINS pilot, as well as designing a presentation on this for the Eastern Region. To find out more about the PINS project visit our website here [Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools \(PINS\) project | Essex Family Forum](#).
- **Transforming Care Partnership Information Event** - We have been busy planning Methe final touches, writing slides and preparing for our transforming care event taking place on 14/11/24 at the County Hotel in Chelmsford. We are pleased to say the event was booked out by Friday morning and we had to increase the number of tickets available!
- **Discussions** - We have also met with colleagues in Health to discuss the importance of clearly understanding the impact for families who are on the various neurodevelopmental pathways.