



Weekly Snapshot from EFF

Week ending- 18/07/25

Essex Family Forum receives many comments through our online Graffiti Wall, at events and through our Family Champions. Although we are not able to address all of these through this snapshot, please be assured that all feedback is raised with services and issues that are shared repeatedly are being highlighted.

You said:	We did:
<p><u>Social Care Support - *UPDATE*</u></p> <p>We are hearing from families that are struggling to get needs assessments and/or support from social care when they have children with violent, challenging behaviour, especially in the home.</p>	<p>We are meeting with Social Care leads this week to understand their processes, eligibility requirements for help, and how families struggling with children at home can receive the help they need. Further updates and more information will follow as soon as possible.</p>
<p><u>Reasonable Adjustments – Secondary School</u></p> <p>We continue to receive feedback around secondary schools and the lack of understanding around needs and implementation of reasonable adjustments.</p>	<p>As this is a recurring theme, it will be a subject that we escalate at the next Feedback COG with service leaders. We will update you when we have any response.</p>
<p><u>EHC Needs Assessment Delays</u></p> <p>We are taking note of all your feedback around the EHC needs assessment delays which we continue to receive through our survey and Graffiti Wall.</p>	<p>Katrina and Ange had several meetings with ECC this week to discuss the EFF EHCNA survey report which is ongoing.</p> <p>We are expecting a response to this report before end of term to address the key concerns addressed by families. See the survey and report here Current Surveys Essex Family Forum.</p> <p>We are continuing to monitor and report progress through this survey so it remains open. We are also looking at how communications between families, schools and ECC staff can improve as a result of this</p>



	survey and this will form a key part of the SEND Strategy.
<p><u>Update - EHC Needs Assessment Process</u></p> <p><i>We have received feedback via the Graffiti Wall which highlighted the need for clearer guidelines on the EHC Needs Assessment process. One area highlighted was who can be asked for advice/input during the assessment as conflicting information had been given.</i></p>	<p>We raised this with the relevant team within ECC who raised this at the Essex Quality of Plans Co-ordination and Oversight Group (COG) this week. It was shared that this will be taken forward – either within the current COG or within the transformation work focussed on EHCNA's.</p>

In other news.....

- Claire has been meeting every two weeks with the Essex Transport team to talk about the mobilisation plans for SEND Home to School Transport in September. It is a big task to organise as Essex transport around 30,000 children to school every day. This year some contracts have been changed and different providers will be taking some children to school from September. This week Claire heard that the Essex Transport team have been meeting with school heads and the transport providers together to plan for September – in order to make it as stress free as possible.
- This week, Kate met again with Sam Ball to continue exploring how Essex Family Forum might work alongside Integrated Neighbourhood Teams in Castle Point ` Rochford. Their conversation focused on potential areas for joint working to better support families and young people, while making sure that local efforts continue to reflect what matters most to parents and carers.
- This week, Stacey and Kate attended the SET STOMP STAMP meeting, where the latest STAMP report was discussed. STOMP STAMP is an NHS initiative that aims to ensure children and young people with a learning disability, autism, or both receive the right medication at the right time, and that it is regularly reviewed. Over the summer, the report is expected to be shared with relevant Boards for discussion. It highlights several key areas where further work may be needed to strengthen support and ensure safe, effective care. You can learn more in this NHS England leaflet for families: [ES804155_CCS269_CCS0619362916-002_STOMP_STAMP_Leaflet_A5.pdf](#)
- Sarah attended the final MAZE coffee morning of this term in Harwich on Thursday. You can find the dates for the coffee mornings for next term via the MAZE website or by clicking here [Coffee Mornings | SEND Parents Support - The MAZE Group](#)



Please note: The Graffiti Wall and Snapshot is designed to give anonymised feedback and cannot be used to answer individual queries.

All EFF staff are part time and work on a flexible basis. If there are weeks when a quadrant does not appear represented in this snapshot, we are still working hard. Please bear this in mind.