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Local Offer Roadshows unveiled



Forum's moving story

Important news! Somerset Parent Carer—the voice of parent carers in the county has moved. The Forum works towards improving the lives of families, children and young people with disabilities by putting forward their concerns to policy makers and service providers.

The group works alongside Somerset County Council and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure a better understand of SEND needs in Somerset.

The Forum's new base is here: Unit 3 Upper Floor (above MCS Computer Support), Babylon View, Oxford Road, Pen Mill Trading Estate, Yeovil, BA21 5HR.

You can find out more about the [Forum here](#).

Calling parent carers and young people!

There's a chance to find out what Somerset's Local Offer can do for you.

Somerset Parent Carer Forum is working with Somerset County Council and Somerset CCG to put on a series of Roadshows across the county in January and February.

There will be information stands which will show local families what's on offer as well as the various ways to feedback on local services and help shape provision in the future.

The Roadshows are as follows:

Wednesday 30 January—The Beach Hotel, The Avenue, Minehead, TA24 5AP: 10am-1pm.

Friday 1 February—The Assembly Rooms, Christchurch Street West, Frome BA11 1EB: 10am—1pm.

Tuesday 5 February—Victoria Park Community Centre, Victoria Park Drive, Bridgwater, TA6 7AS: 10am-1pm.

Monday 11 February—The Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon, Somerton TA11 6PQ: 10am-1pm.



Important health info for you

Are you a person who has additional or different needs when seeing your doctor or going to hospital?

If so, here's some important things you need to know:

1. Places like hospitals and doctors' surgeries should ask what additional needs you have such as extra large print on letters and leaflets or someone to help you understand what you are told.
2. They must keep this information somewhere safe.
3. It should help them remember what your needs are next time you're there.
4. Sometimes you might see different people at the same place. They should tell the person you are seeing about your needs.
5. They should do something about it! If you ask for letters Easy Read they should remember to do this every time they write to you.

Your chance for an innings

There's a fantastic opportunity for young people to play cricket for free.

Somerset Cricket Board is launching a Super 1s Club at various locations in the county.

The sessions are fun, played with a softer ball and will teach the basics of cricket. The sessions are:

Mondays starting 28 January 6-7pm Robert Blake & Elmwood Leisure Centre Bridgwater, TA6 6AW

Wednesdays starting 23 January 6-7pm Bridgwater and Taunton College, Taunton TA1 5AX

Thursdays starting January 31 at Preston School Sports Centre, Yeovil BA21 3JD

Email

steve.gass@somersetcricketboard.org or call 01823 352266 for more information.



Short Breaks publications—are you getting yours?

If you're a parent carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs you should be getting the Short Breaks Activity Calendars, Newsletters and information in the post throughout the year.

During 2019, they will be posted out to you on these dates:

- 17 January: February Half Term Calendar
- 7 March: Easter Calendar; May Calendar; Spring Newsletter.
- 27 June: Summer Calendar; Summer



Welcome

I hope this gives you lots of information about accessible and inclusive clubs across Somerset. The opportunities are for ALL children and young people, you do not have to be referred to any service or have a diagnosis to access them, unless it specifically says this. There are a couple of exceptions, such as the Children's Autism Outreach Team (CAOT) clubs, please read on for more info. If you would like any help with this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Short Breaks Team: 01823 352117 / shortbreaksteam@somerset.nhs.uk

Newsletter; Activity Day Passes for 2019/20; Fun Day Flyer.

- 12 September: Club Newsletter; October Half Term Calendar.
- 7 November: Christmas Calendar; Winter Newsletter.

*The latest Short Breaks Club Activity Brochure can be viewed [here](#). All of our information can be viewed and downloaded [here](#).

If you do not receive the information and you would like to, or wish to be removed from the mailing list, please email ShortBreaksTeam@somerset.gov.uk

