



We Need You to Review Services that Support Children and Young People with Additional Needs

We know good services are always the result of collaboration between the people who use them and the people who provide and deliver them.

The local authority have asked us, parent carers, to be a key part of reviewing the existing services that support our children and young people. We have two opportunities to come together with local authority officers and current service providers. You are more than welcome to attend both events if you wish. SPCF will be supporting both sessions.

- **Session 1: 0900 - 1230, Wednesday 25th October 2023 at The Phoenix Centre, Powys Ave, Townhill, SA1 6PH**
- **Session 2: 0900 - 1230, Friday 10th November 2023 at Friends of the Young Disabled, 300 Carmarthen Rd, Cwmbwrla, Swansea SA5 8NJ**

The Session Aims

Take a look at the list of the services below which are the current provision for children with disabilities and complex needs. These provide a background for how our families needs are currently being met. At these sessions we want to:

- Examine what the current needs are of our families
- How our needs are currently being met
- Explore any gaps there may be
- Explore if we can or need to be doing things differently

We would like parent carers who currently use these services and for any parent carers who are interested in support services for children and young people to join these sessions.

What Services Currently Exist?

Positive Outcome Play Service (POPS) - provides opportunities for the children to have fun, while developing their social, communication and practical life skills. The majority of referrals come from the Child Disability Team, but other professionals can also refer. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#)

Buddies Project - promotes fun, choice opportunities for young people with severe learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Support the siblings, parents and carers of young people with severe learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. Referrals from the Child Disability Team. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#)

Interplay - provides access to play and leisure opportunities for children and young people with additional needs aged 2-25 who find it difficult to access the same mainstream play, leisure and social activities as their peers. Interplay also offer a profound and multiple disability Summer Scheme Interplay@Crug Glas and Interplay @the Play Hwb holiday scheme is for 4-19 year olds with additional support needs that prevent them from accessing mainstream holiday provision. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#)

Ty Laura - provides respite care for children and young people who have severe learning disabilities and complex needs. Referrals from the Child Disability Team. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#).

Family Link - provides regular short breaks for children with disabilities in the home of a Family Link carer. Referrals from the Child Disability Team. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#)

Play and Leisure Opportunity Library - is play and leisure library for children and

adults with a disability, providing specialist toys and leisure equipment through a lending library service. The library is open to individuals and families in the community as well as centres, clubs and professionals such as Teachers, Support Workers, Childminders or Foster Carers who support children or adults with a disability. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#).

SNAP Cymru Early Help Service - provides children and families, with focused support when problems emerge. The right support at the right time can reduce or prevent specific problems from getting worse, help identify risks and prevent escalation and the necessity of providing more intensive support later on. Whilst most referrals are made from professionals, families with complex needs can self-refer. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#).

Stepping Stones - a preschool for children with emerging or a diagnosed disability. The facility is available to all families in Swansea who are referred by health professionals. Find out more about this service [\[here\]](#).

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If you have any queries about these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact us by dropping us a message [\[here\]](#).

We really hope you can join us at any of these sessions.

The Swansea Parent Carer Forum Team

