SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

New Year, New Team

As many of you will probably know, Dorothy Harrington retired from our service at the end of last year. At the beginning of January this year we welcomed Alison Priddle to the team who's contract with us runs until the end of August, she has taken on all of Dorothy's cases and is also helping with our huge number of new cases. Our Young Person's Support Development Worker—Tania Burnett will be with us until the end of the summer term

The SEND IASS Team

Emma Morris—Senior SEND IASS Advisor

Alison Priddle—SEND IASS Advisor (Temp)

Tania Burnett—Young Person's Support Development Worker (Temp)

Heather Drudge—Administration

SENDIASS would like to draw your attention to the way our service operates. As a self referral service we can only accept referrals from individuals who need our support. Our contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

First Contact appointments

Due to the number of cases we are dealing with we have been looking at ways to continue the support we offer to parents/carers and young people in a more efficient way. We are now holding 30 minute face to face meetings on Thursday mornings to give advice or to set up a plan of action around your concerns.

During this time you will be able to speak to either one of our advisors or one of our qualified volunteers. These face to face meetings will be confidential and advice offered will remain impartial on all matters relating to SEN.

If you would like to book a 30 minute slot please either phone the SEND IASS office on (01983) 825548 or email sendiass@iow.gov.uk

New SEND IASS Steering Group

We have established a steering group to ensure the views of children, young people and families influence the way our service is provided. The aim is to ensure a high quality service that is responsive to local needs, taking into account best practice both locally and nationally.

We have members from the Education, Health and Social Care sectors alongside parents, carers and young people to enable a wide effective working group. The steering group will aim to meet three times a year.

SEND IASS Newsletter

If you have an item which you would like us to add to our summer newsletter, please contact the SEND IASS office on (01983) 825548 or email sendiass@iow.gov.uk

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