

Powys ALN Parent / Carer Forum

Powys County Council are committed to partnership working with parents and carers to ensure that their views and opinions are listened to and they are able to inform the work that is undertaken.

The inaugural meeting of the Forum was held on the evening of the 4th April 2019. The full name was agreed along with the strapline "Working Together and Influencing". A vision statement was drafted, frequency of meetings agreed and key priorities set for the coming months.

The next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 6.30pm in Brecon Pupil Referral Unit, Silver Street, Brecon, LD3 8BL. Should you wish to take part please contact us.

School Menus

The ALN Transformation team have been working together with Powys Catering to create school menus that are clearer and easier to read for all pupils and staff. It is hoped that these menus will be rolled out as soon as possible to all Powys schools.



Survey seeking Parent/carers views regarding (ALN) provision

A survey to find out the views of all parents/carers on the support children and young people receive from their schools, particularly in terms of support for ALN closed on Sunday 2nd June 2019.

Findings will be shared in future communications and events, and the information gained will be used to inform and shape future provision that is suitable for the needs of children and young people in Powys.

Thank you all for taking the time to share your thoughts.

Specialist Centre Provision

We recently asked your views on the Specialist Centres in Powys. We held:

- * 9 public focus groups (January—March 2019) with over 70 attendees.
- * An online survey ran from 22nd January to 17th February with over 128 responses, 12% of which were direct from young people who attend the provision.

You told us what is working well, along with what is not working well and how things could be improved. Comments from the survey mirrored those that were made during the meetings, and the findings were reported back during the meetings held in March.

Thank you to all who attended focus groups or completed the survey.

Further Information:

Powys County Council : <https://en.powys.gov.uk/ALN>

Welsh Government : <https://gov.wales/additional-learning-needs-transformation-programme>



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Draft Additional Learning Needs Code for Wales

The draft ALN Code was released on the 11th December 2018, and we held (and attended) a variety of events in order to gather a wide range of views to include in the local authorities response which was submitted on the 21st March 2019.



Many thanks to those of you that contributed comments, the Welsh Government are currently considering responses, and an overview of these is anticipated to be released in June 2019, with the final ALN Code expected in December 2019.

Individual Development Plans (IDPs)

Powys County Council is starting to plan for the introduction of Individual Development Plans, which will start to be used from September 2020.

We will be holding events for parents and carers during the next school year, however, we will be talking to professionals during the next couple of months at workshops that are being held across the county.

Information for parent and carer events will be shared widely by schools and on social media nearer the time.

Are there other areas of the code that you would like us to cover at future events? Please let us know by contacting the ALN Transformation team on the email or number below.

Website Updates

The ALN website has been updated to include an area for Powys ALN Parent/carer Forum; in this area you will find notes from meetings and the date and venue for the next meeting.

We will also be adding a Further Information and Use Links page. We hope this page will become a useful resource for parents/carers.

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding items that you would find useful on our website, or if you feel that certain areas aren't as clear as they could be please get in touch with us.

The address is below, to take a look.

<https://en.powys.gov.uk/ALN>

Powys County Council ALN Transformation Programme want to hear your views and gain your input into these important changes.

Please get in touch:  aln.transformation@powys.gov.uk  01597 826742

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