



EDITION 92 – Thursday 31 August 2023

## SPOTLIGHT ON... Freedom Activity Support Payment (FASP) Update – 25.08.2023

We have had an incredible response since applications have been open for the 2023 Freedom Activity Support Payment (FASP). Applications remain open until **Sunday, 10 September 2023**.

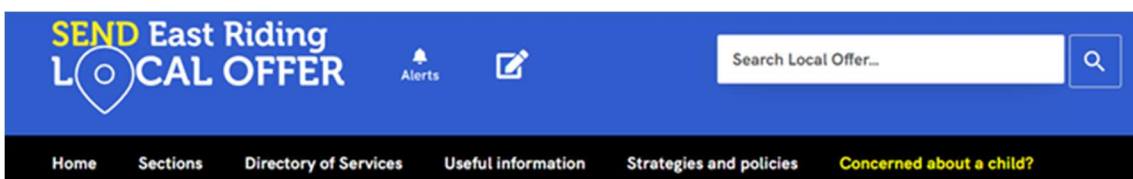
The application form, guidance and eligibility criteria information is available here: <https://www.eastridinglocaloffer.org.uk/freedom-activity-support-payment-fasp/>

Please contact the team via 01482 394000 (option 6) or [FASP@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:FASP@eastriding.gov.uk) with any questions.

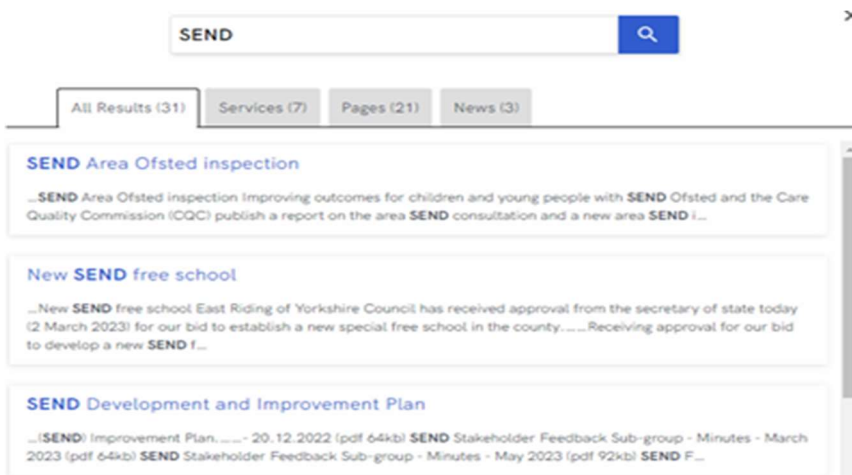
### New East Riding Local Offer!

As many of you will now be aware, our new Local Offer website is now live. We hope that this new website offers greater functionality and access to information and resources. Over the coming weeks and months, we will be working hard to review the information on the Local Offer to ensure that it is accurate, relevant and up-to-date.

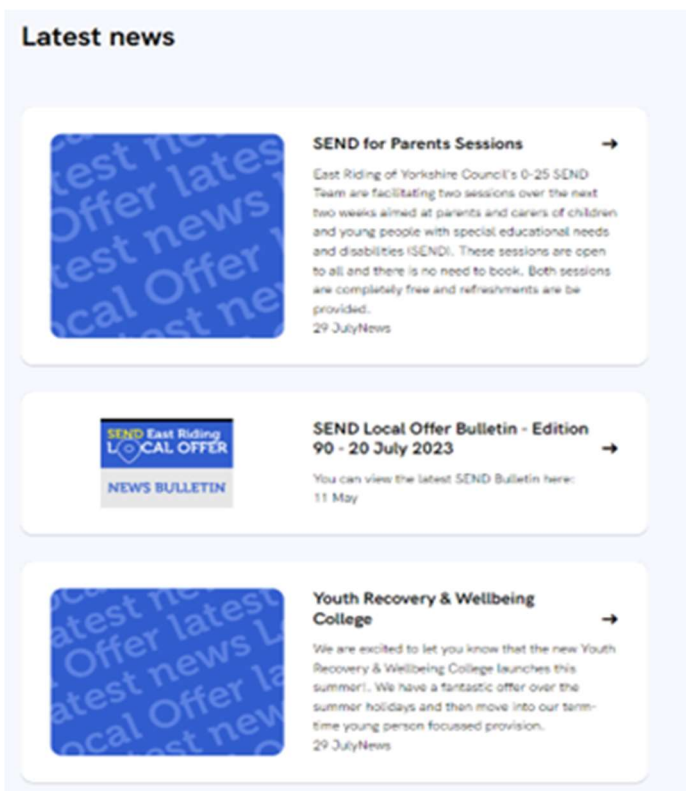
Here's some information on some of the key changes:



The new website offers a much cleaner interface – we have removed many of the tabs at the top in order to simplify the design and make it easier to find what you need. The new 'Alerts' function will provide us with the opportunity to share news and announcements with you when you visit the site, making it easier to find out about the latest developments.



We are delighted to share that our ‘search’ function has greatly improved – you are now able to search through the full range of services, pages and news using key words or phrases. The search will work intuitively to help you to navigate to the most relevant information based on your search. You can also search through news items for the first time.



Our new ‘Latest news’ page contains individual articles with the latest information and developments; you can then use the search function to search through news articles.

It is important to remember that this is just the start for the development of the Local Offer website – our new platform has lots of exciting new features and functions that we believe will greatly improve its accessibility and usefulness.

### What’s Next?

The Local Offer will continue to develop and improve over time – we are currently prioritising ensuring that the website contains the right information in an accessible format, removing old or outdated pages and services and

refining our directory. From September 2023, we will have a dedicated Local Offer Officer who will be working alongside the Family Information Services Hub (FISH) and the web team, as well as colleagues across the authority, health partners and external stakeholders (parents/carers, young people, schools) to implement further change.

We welcome your feedback – you can contact us using the information [here](#).

To view any of the above items, please click [here](#)



## **East Yorkshire Parent Carer Forum (EYPCF)**

Please feel free to email us and share your stories [admin@eypcf.co.uk](mailto:admin@eypcf.co.uk)

The EYPCF is busy in the background getting on with some exciting things to come.

Enjoy the rest of the summer holidays, hopefully we will eventually see some sunshine

[View the website](#)

## **Parent Carer Support Groups**

There are a number of parent carer support groups running across the East Riding and surrounding areas. To view information about these groups please click [here](#).

To view National support organisations, please click [here](#).

(These links will take you to the Local Offer website).

## **East Riding wide and Hull/York catchment**

### **A Bright Start for Every Deaf Child: Together We Can for Deaf Children**

The National Deaf Children's Society are running four live and free online sessions to give those working in the early years information and ideas to support deaf children. Whether you currently have deaf children in your setting or not, these sessions will help you reflect on your practise and equip you to be ready for deaf children now or in the future.

We will cover how deafness impacts development, language and communication, acoustics and lighting, deaf awareness techniques, behaviour and identity.

Our sessions cover:

1. **Implement Effective Transitions for Deaf Children:** 13 September 6-7:30pm on Zoom
2. **Improve Language and Communication for Deaf Children:** 20 September 6-7:30pm on Zoom
3. **See Parents as Partners:** 27 September 6-7:30pm on Zoom.
4. **Support Social and Emotional Development for Deaf Children:** 4 October 6-7:30pm on Zoom

You will also receive two recorded webinars on sensory storytelling and using basic BSL if you attend one or more of the four.

Find more information and register here: <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/our-services/services-for-professionals/online-information-sessions-for-professionals/a-bright-start-for-every-deaf-child/>

### **Youth Community of Experience. Run by youth facilitators of the same age**

KIDS Yorkshire are offering face to face meetings in the community that are accessible to all, where you can build self esteem through peer to peer support.

It will consist of a 4 week course for autistic individuals, those with a Learning Disability or both aged 14 - 25 years.

Areas will be Hull, North Yorkshire, York, East Riding of Yorkshire, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire.

For more information and to book a space contact the Kids Community of Experience team direct: [communityofexperience@kids.org.uk](mailto:communityofexperience@kids.org.uk) or 01482 467540.

### **Portage Workshop**

This is a certificated training course delivered by National Portage Association Accredited Trainers.

The Portage Workshop is an introduction to the Portage Approach to working with children with additional needs and their families. The workshop is suitable for early years practitioners who work in an early year's settings (PVI or maintained), Children's Centres, Childminders and parents/carers of children who are receiving Portage support.

Central to the course are the 'Portage Principles' and the 'Three Circle Model of Portage'. The NPA has set standards for minimum workshop content and length. The Workshop has a core curriculum consisting of seven modules and must last a minimum of 2 full days plus a Follow Up session.

The workshop is designed to support parents who have children that are being supported by Portage, and practitioners working with children, to help support their learning and development and to understand the strategies and principles used by Portage Workers.

**Dates:** 13.09.2023 , 24.10.2023, 21.11.2023

**Venue:** North Bridlington Library, Marton Gate, Bridlington, YO16 6YD.

Please contact [earlyyears.training@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears.training@eastriding.gov.uk) to request a place.

## **SEND Development and Improvement Plan**

The Information Group, forming part of the Voice and Engagement strands of the SEND Development and Improvement Plan, are recruiting new parents and carers to join the group. The purpose of the Information Group is to work in co-production with our parents and carers, for example:

- To ensure that information about health, social care and educational services for children and young people (aged 0-25 years) with SEND, with or without an EHCP, is fit for purpose and accessible to parents, carers and young people.
- To advise and support on the development of information resources to ensure they meet the needs of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND.
- To provide a quality control function to ensure that information for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND is fit for purpose, comprehensible, accessible, accurate and up to date.

Our full Terms of Reference and meeting minutes are available [here](#).

If you are interested in being a part of the group, please contact Jonathan Ellis, 0-25 SEND Team Manager at [jonathan.ellis@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.ellis@eastriding.gov.uk) or (01482) 394000 (option 6).

### **Did You Know....**

The Families Information Service has their own Facebook and Twitter pages!

If you have any upcoming events or sessions, we can share them via our social media, email [fish@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:fish@eastriding.gov.uk) and we can add the information.

[Facebook.com/eastridingfish](https://www.facebook.com/eastridingfish)

[Twitter.com/FamiliesERYC](https://twitter.com/FamiliesERYC)

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The next bulletin will be on Thursday 14 September 2023

If you would like to submit information, news or events for inclusion in the next bulletin, please email us **BEFORE 12 NOON** on **Wednesday 13 September 2023**

(please note submission does not guarantee inclusion).

Thank You.

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