



Hello,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Sendias Bathnes newsletter where you will find updates on news relating to SEND and information on some of our recent events. We advertise all upcoming events on our website and social media pages - we hope to see you at one of them soon!

Theme of the Month: Mental Capacity

Our theme in April was Mental Capacity. Please visit our Facebook or Instagram pages if you'd like to find out more on this topic such as how mental capacity is assessed and information on the five principles set out in the Mental Capacity Act.



The Mental Capacity Act (MCA) is designed to protect and empower people who may lack the mental capacity to make their own decisions about their care and treatment.

What is a SENCO?

Are you interested in understanding more about the role of the SENCO?

Our latest Information Series we've posted to our Facebook page explains:

- The role of the SENCO
- Who a SENCO works with
- The training a SENCO undertakes
- Responsibilities of a SENCO

[Click Here to view our Facebook Resources](#)

Refusal to Assess - Virtual Information Evening

Thank you to all those who attended our recent Information Session on what you can do if your request for an EHCP needs assessment is refused.



Here are a few examples of the Q & A's which were covered:

Q: What are the benefits of attending a Way Forward meeting?

A: A Way Forward meeting is an informal meeting with the L.A to discuss next steps. It is also an opportunity to share additional information which may result in the L.A reconsidering its decision to refuse to carry out an assessment.

Q: School say they are not seeing the behaviours that we are seeing at home. What can we do?

A: It may be helpful to keep a diary of what is happening at home that you can then submit as evidence.

Q: Is EBSA (emotionally based school avoidance) a reason to apply for a needs assessment?

A: A request based on the child/young person's anxiety can be made. In some cases a child may require additional support for anxiety, sometimes to meet this need an EHCP will be necessary.

Q: Will I have to go to a hearing if I go to Tribunal?

A: Probably not. Most appeals about refusal to assess are dealt with by the Tribunal looking at the paperwork submitted and making a decision based on this without the need for a hearing.

For details of future Information Sessions on different topics please keep an eye on the events section of our website and our social media pages.

Book Appointments on our Website

We have bookable phone appointments, and SEND Surgeries where you can talk to one of the Information & Advice Officers face to face, virtually or on the phone, all available to book online - please visit the events page at Sendias Bathnes for more information www.sendiasbathnes.org.uk/events

[Click Here to view & book Sendias Bathnes events](#)

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

We wanted to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to our Volunteer Parent Champions who have given information to over 100 parents in the first quarter of this year.

If you would like to know more about what our Volunteer Parent Champions do, and would be interested in becoming one, please visit:
<https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us>

With best wishes,

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