

We have held back from sending you this latest Newsletter until we heard something more definitive about the Government's guidance when England moved to Step 4 on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Crucial as this next step is, we have found the following links that give a broad outline of how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of Covid and what this means for people who are clinically extremely vulnerable.

As you will be aware, there is a continuing debate in the press about the Government's 'expectations' on the wearing of face coverings and, even for those of us who have had a second vaccination, there may be a feeling of the need for continuing caution whatever the pressure from others may be.

We trust you find it helpful, take care and please keep an eye out for any further guidance that may come out over these next weeks.



**Surrey County Council:**

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/coronavirus>

**Reigate and Banstead Borough Council:**

<https://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Tandridge District Council:**

<https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Coronavirus>

**Mole Valley District Council:**

<https://www.molevalley.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates>

(See also the Key Support Contact Details at the end of the Newsletter)

**Government Guidance updates**



**General guidance as of 19<sup>th</sup> July:**

[Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread from 19 July.](#)

**Guidance for people who are clinically vulnerable as of 19<sup>th</sup> July:**

[19 July guidance on protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19.](#)

**Guidance on Care Home visiting last updated on 21<sup>st</sup> June:**

Guidance on care [home visiting](#).

**Guidance on visits in and out of supported living:**

COVID-19: guidance for [supported living](#)

## Covid-19 Vaccinations

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The Pfizer-BioNTech BNT162b2 COVID-19 vaccine has been authorised for use in persons aged 12 years and over in the UK. This follows evidence from a clinical trial where around 1,000 individuals aged 12 to 15 years received 2 doses of the vaccine.

For more information on Covid-19 vaccination for aged 12 years and over in the UK, please click **here**.

## Learning Disability Partnership Board

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### Surrey Learning Disability Partnership Board meetings



**6<sup>th</sup> May 2021** – We have attached the minutes and presentations for this meeting attended by Helen Norris and Berenice Frith our Co-Chairs. You will also see from the agenda that it covered Day/Evening Inclusion Workstream – with contributions from Surrey Choices, ALDAG In Ashted, County Care, The Grange at Bookham, Leatherhead Link, Surrey Adult Learning (covering North and West Surrey) – planning for Learning Disability Week, Thinking Ahead and Planning with Carers, Surrey People’s Group and an Adults Social Care Information and Engagement strategy update.

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2021** – This was attended by Berenice Frith and, although it will be some weeks before we receive the minutes, we thought it was important to share an update presented on the **LeDeR Mortality Review Annual Report** that we referred to in our last newsletter. It is clearly not the easiest of reads and it is important to stress that this is part of a national programme being undertaken in all local authority areas.

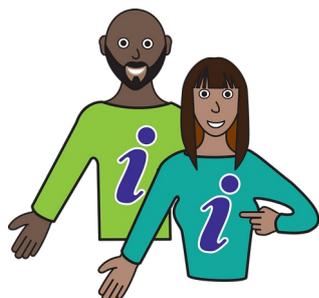
This latest report covers the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and it includes the deaths of people with a learning disability living in Surrey reported as being due to Covid-19. You will see the diligence with which this important work has been undertaken, its Key Findings, candid analysis of the data on causes of death and the Actions to be taken as a result of what has been learned.

[LeDeR Annual Report \(surreyheartlandscg.nhs.uk\)](https://surreyheartlandscg.nhs.uk)

Update – **Surrey People’s Group** co-produced a video for the Learning Disabilities Mortality Review (LeDeR) Programme on Wednesday 30th June aimed at raising awareness of the LeDeR programme, what they are trying to achieve, why it is important and a call to action.

It will be uploaded on the NHS website and sent to Local Care Providers, Professionals such as GP’s within Surrey and was a fabulous opportunity for members to share their thoughts on such an important topic and they were proud to be a part of this project.

### **Learning Disability and Autism Information Hub**



The Surrey Learning Disability Partnership Board and Autism Partnership Board have now launched their new website. You can use this website to find information, meeting minutes, and links to services in Surrey.

[Learning Disability and Autism Information Hub - Surrey County Council](#)

Although still work in progress it is more comprehensive than the previous website including informative video presentations and, if you, or someone you look after, has care and support needs and has a learning disability or is autistic, it also provides this link to [find out how and when social care may help](#) or signpost you to the best support you need.

### **Surrey Choices Update**



Please see their latest Coronavirus update as of 21<sup>st</sup> June:

[Coronavirus Resources](#)

You may also wish to look at their latest Monthly Bulletin:

[June Bulletin 2021](#)

### **Royal Mencap Updates**



We have been asked by Mencap to alert you to the following campaigns:

**#KeepYourPromiseBoris** – Mencap is part of the Care and Support Alliance and we’ve launched a new campaign called **#KeepYourPromiseBoris** which calls on the Prime Minister to act now and fix social care for everyone – older people, disabled people, carers and care workers.

On Thursday 8th July, they will be launching a campaign action on social media and they would love your support with this by sharing it across your networks too. Click [here](#) to find out more.

**Tweet Savid Javid** - It has been hard to miss recent headlines as we have a new Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and as he takes on this role this presents new opportunities to make sure policy makers do not forget the health and care of people with a learning disability.

Mr. Javid says '*Social care remains an absolute priority for this Government, for me. The Prime Minister himself has rightly made some very clear commitments on social care and we absolutely intend to meet them.*'

This is promising, but people with a learning disability are often left out of decisions on social care, despite the fact that 1 in 5 people who receive care have a learning disability. The decisions made around social care affect not only people with a learning disability but also the well-being of their family and carers.

Will you [Tweet Savid Javid](#) to remind him that people with a learning disability need to be included in any plans for social care reform?

### Transitions from Children's Services to Adult services



Mencap has now launched an Easy Read guide for people who will soon be adults to help them understand more about moving children's services to adult services when in hospital. To read more, click [here](#).

Mencap have also produced a short film with Bradford People First that shows the differences that can be expected in hospital as a young adult: [Transitions - Saffron - YouTube](#).

Both are aimed at the young people themselves to be shared with family, friends, carers and hospital staff.

### #LeftinLockdown

As member of the Disabled Children's Partnership Mencap has been able to put pressure on decision makers in order to raise the impact of Covid-19 on disabled children, young people and their families up the political agenda. Although they are beginning to see some small changes from the government they are still way off a full recovery plan and what they have achieved so far includes:

- More school recovery money for some disabled children
- Clearer communications from government
- A new Therapies Task Force
- Flexibility for disabled young people in Year 13
- Greater acknowledgement from government on the impacts
- They now have 67 MP's signed up as a Disabled Children's Champion in support

You can read the partnership's response to the Government's Recovery Plan [here](#).

## Other Campaigns

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### **STOMP - stopping the over-medication of people with a learning disability or autism**

You will see from the following links that this is a health campaign to stop the over-use of psychotropic medication to manage people's behaviour that, in collaboration with NHS England, involves more than 250 social care providers signing up to a pledge for social care that commits them to taking action to improve the quality of life of the people they are supporting by ensuring they only receive such medication for the right reason and in the right amount. In doing so they now have access to a wide range of resources produced across the health and social care sector to help them with this task:

[STOMP: Stopping the over-medication of people with a learning disability, autism or both | VODG](#)

[NHS England » Stopping over medication of people with a learning disability, autism or both \(STOMP\)](#)

## Learning Disability Week

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Great success as it was, the ASC Information and Engagement Team were not only inspired by seeing everyone's creations, but it was great fun to get involved. So much hard work went into the week by so many people and it was incredible to share all of the lovely feedback they have had.



### **The Mosaic of Hope from Learning Disability Week**

Created by many people who are supported by Active Prospects, and focussing on the theme of hope, this masterpiece was in the Belfry Shopping Centre during Learning Disability Week and this and many other impressive creations can now be seen on the [Active Prospects Online Exhibition.](#)

## Surrey Coalition Updates



**Coalition News** - The Summer edition has been sent out to all members and they hope you enjoy reading it. If you have a blog or article that you would like to contribute to a future edition of Coalition News please let them know! You can find it attached to this newsletter.

Or by asking your Amazon Alexa device to “**Alexa, play Coalition Newsletter Podcast**”



### Covid Vaccine Passport Scam

We have been made aware of a Covid Vaccine Passport scam email going around that purports to be from the NHS and informs recipients that they can apply for their “**Digital Coronavirus Passports**”

Clicking on the link within the email, takes you to a convincing but **fake** NHS website that asks for personal and payment details. (for an admin fee)

The website has since been taken down, but in case similar emails/websites appear can you please circulate the attached alert to your residents, members, groups and mailing lists. And just to reiterate, your vaccination status is obtained **FREE** through the NHS App, website or by calling the NHS on 119.

More information can be found on the gov.uk website, click [here](#).

Please note that any Phishing scams can be reported to SERS (Suspicious Email Reporting Service): [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

### Free Webinars About Scams In July



The webinars are FREE to attend and are open to anyone who would like to know more about scams, the psychology behind scams, prevention and how a fraud case is investigated. The webinars bring together experts in their field relating to online fraud, a topic which we are all too familiar with and can affect anyone and everyone, as our lives are played out more digitally. The dates of the webinars and their topics are as follows below, the links take you to the registration page:

**23rd July, 5pm**

[Scams awareness training from the Friends Against Scams initiative](#)

The National Trading Standards Scams Team (NTSST)

**27<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm**

[Exploring the psychology behind scams and how scammers are so effective at their crimes](#)

Paul Maskall, Fraud & Cyber Crime Prevention Manager, Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU)

30th July, 5pm

[Don't get hooked by scammers! What you need to know about flubot and phishing scams](#)

Christopher Budd, Senior Global Threat Communications Manager, Avast

How to book your place: You can click on the links within this message on each of the webinars topics to register your place or you can go to [www.ourwatch.org.uk/webinars](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/webinars) and click on the webinar that you wish to attend, you can attend all of them if you wish and so make sure that you complete the registration page for each of them.

## Online Activity Opportunities

# STAY CONNECTED



Drop-in to our virtual café  
Every Monday  
11.00 AM - 12.00 noon



Join us for a virtual walk  
Every day  
2.30 pm - 3.00 pm

For information email us [info@surreycoalition.org.uk](mailto:info@surreycoalition.org.uk) or  
phone 01483 456 558 or send an SMS text to 07780 933 053

### Monday and Friday Virtual Café

Surrey Coalition's Our virtual cafes continue to run on **Mondays at 11.00am** and **Fridays at 11.30am**. During the café last Friday they recorded a good luck message to the England Football Team which you can view [here!](#) Unfortunately, their zoom rendition of Sweet Caroline did not make the cut but we had fun trying. On Monday we commiserated with each other on the result but all agreed we were extremely proud of the whole team. Bring on World Cup 2022!

**Rhymes and Rhythms** - every Monday 2.30 pm - 3.30pm

A group for all people of all walks of life to come together and share their favourite poems, songs, words, tunes and melodies. All you need to bring is an open heart, and a ready mind - welcome... to Rhyme and Rhythm!

"If music be the food of love, play on!"

Shakespeare had it right, and he's not the only one who wrote lines about music. Poetry and music are completely interlinked and universal. At Rhyme and Rhythm, they will talk about how verse can be experienced in so many different ways, they will share their favourites and dislikes, and maybe even learn a thing or two from one another.

Please get in touch if you would like to join email [bookings@surreycoalition.org.uk](mailto:bookings@surreycoalition.org.uk) or phone on 01483 456 558.



**Wobble Sessions** – Free on Zoom, Thursdays at 11am.

What is Wobble?

Wobble is ideal for those who want to improve or maintain their physical and mental well-being. It starts and ends in a chair and there are also optional standing elements. Please see poster attached and should you wish to book a session please email [anitaasghar@msn.com](mailto:anitaasghar@msn.com).

## Research Projects

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### Dissertation Survey: Walking preferences in Surrey

Tim, who is a Transport Planner at Surrey County Council and currently studying for a MSc in Transport Planning at the University of Westminster, would like to request your help to complete the survey he is undertaking for his dissertation.

The research is particularly interested in understanding walking preferences and the relative value people place on different factors in the walking environment in Surrey, including if this may vary under different circumstances (e.g. by walking purpose, certain characteristics of individuals or where they live, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic). Where someone has a disability, which means they may not walk by foot, Tim is interested in understanding preferences when using a wheelchair or another type of mobility aid. This is explained in question 3 of the survey if the answer “yes” is selected to the first part of the question.

The survey is available online from [here](#).

### Specific phobias in children with learning disabilities



A large number of children with learning disabilities have significant fears or phobias. These can, for example, include a severe fear of dogs or other animals, visiting the dentist, or having an injection. Spirit is inviting you to take part in a survey about support and treatment that was offered to your child (aged 5 to 15 years) who has moderate to severe learning disabilities and problems with specific phobias and fears.

This survey is aimed to help in understanding what support and treatment is routinely offered to them. This survey is part of a larger study about the treatment of specific phobias. The survey information will help to inform a future decision about whether a larger study is needed about treatments for specific phobias for children with moderate to severe learning disabilities.

This project is funded by the National Institute for Health Research. If you are interested in taking part in the survey you can click on the link [here](#).

Alternatively, if you would prefer to do the survey as an interview over the phone or online, please email at [spirit@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:spirit@warwick.ac.uk).

### Research on School attendance/home learning



A research team at University College London are investigating the experiences of children who have attended school or experienced home learning during May 2021 in the UK.

The University College London also collaborate with the Council for Disabled Children to shape the SEND educational policy and would like to approach as many parents/carers of children aged 5-15 years old as possible.

The study can be accessed from [here](#) and attached is the study social media poster.

### Holiday Programs

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#### Sense Holidays

Sense is going on a summer holiday – and you can go too! Join them for an adventure where you'll make special connections, try new things, have great fun and create lasting memories.

#### Who Sense Holidays are for?

Sense Holidays are for children, young people and adults who are deafblind or have multi-sensory impairments. They welcome applications from those aged 5 and above, and have no upper age limit. For those aged over 18, they prioritise those who are living at home with their family.

For more information, please click [here](#).

### Family Voice Surrey

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Summer is approaching, even if the weather seems late to the party! It's been a busy month at Family Voice Surrey, with their new coordinators hitting the ground running! They've heard from loads of you at events and through "tell us your story" form. This month's word cloud expresses the fatigue and frustration that many of you feel and much of their work focusses on conveying real life experience to decision makers at the local authority.

Please click here to read Family Voice Surrey's latest [newsletter](#).

Family Voice Surrey would love to hear from you! If you would like to contact them directly please email [contact@familyvoicesurrey.org](mailto:contact@familyvoicesurrey.org) or telephone on 01372 705708.



## ATLAS

The User Voice and Participation Team are excited to announce that their new ATLAS participation group, **ATLAS Juniors**, for young people aged 8 to 13 with additional needs and disabilities, started on 8th July 2021 4.30pm-6pm, over Zoom.

Participation groups are a safe and confidential place for young people to talk about topics related to additional needs and/or disability that are important to them, learn skills and make friends. The feedback they share is then passed onto relevant services to help bring about positive changes. Please watch this video for more information about the monthly sessions: <https://youtu.be/NF3nNhsTT-k>

If you know any children and young people who would like to join these sessions, please share this information with them! If they would like to join ATLAS, their parent(s), carer(s) and/or guardian(s) will need to email at [ATLAS@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ATLAS@surreycc.gov.uk).

For more information about all the work that the youth advisors of ATLAS do, please check out their website: <https://surreyatlas.uk/>.

## SCAMPPS IN SURREY



Join your local special needs support group, they are a small local charity assisting families with children who have additional needs. They have two roles in the community- first to provide fun social events for your family in a secure and safe environment. In the pandemic they have had loads of fun Zoom sessions with 'Singing Hands'; 'Spot Drama' and Theatre group 'Magical Quests'. They regularly have trips to the farm, cycling, swimming, theatre/singing sessions and more for your family to join in.

Secondly, they have an annual budget to fund applications (supported by a therapist) for special needs equipment. This may be a special needs trike, specialist car seat, hearing equipment etc.

Please join Scampps in Surrey by registering on the website <https://scampps.org.uk/> or email [louise@scampps.org.uk](mailto:louise@scampps.org.uk) for more information.

## Transport



Family Voice Surrey have been working closely with the SEND transport team, and are delighted to hear about all the developments the transport team have been working on. They are committed to making sure the process is as user friendly as possible, and that applications are dealt with in a timely manner.

They know last year was very challenging and they received a significant number of applications between June and September, which caused a huge delay in processing applications. This year the transport team have sent letters out with key stage

transfers to let parent carers know that they need to reapply - this has proved highly successful, and the majority of applications have now been processed.

Chris McShee - Travel Assistance Manager at Surrey County Council has kindly given some data to share with you which shows progress so far:

- Overall, we have received 938 SEND travel assistance applications since February with a September 2021 start date, an increase of 550 on last year. Including mid-year transfer, we have received 1,192 applications.
- There has been an unexpected increase in applications for mid-year travel assistance, an increase of 109 compared with last year, and rising. This has impacted on processing times for key stage transfer as outlined.
- We have assessed all under-16 applications received up to the end of April 2021. We have a number of post-16 applications received before April 30<sup>th</sup> to process however we are focusing on ensuring that outcomes are issued as soon as possible.
- We will then focus our attention on both under 16 and post-16 applications submitted in May and June.
- Based on the current numbers and projections, I'm confident that we will not experience the challenges faced last year when we received  $\frac{3}{4}$  of post-16 applications between June and September 2020. We still have applications to process, but it is a far more manageable number than last year. Between June and September 2020 we received 670 applications, and I do not see a repeat this year.



### Co-designing a Direct Payment Strategy for Surrey residents

Family Voice Surrey are aware that when people and their families are actively involved in developing their support arrangements and have more control over how their needs are met, they generally have a better experience of their support. Their hope therefore is that Direct Payments are an option that people regularly choose for themselves and their families.

Surrey County Council, people who use direct payments and partner organisations are starting work on developing a Direct Payment Strategy that will set out the aspirations for what they collectively want Direct Payments to offer those who chose to use them. If you're interested in taking part in discussions please click [here](#). Attached to this newsletter, you will find an Easy Read document on co-production in social care: what it is and how to do it.

### Crossroads Care Surrey



Crossroads Care Surrey have officially launched a new Employers Charter to support business to look after unpaid carers in their employ. The charter will provide employers with a blueprint on how best they can support carers they employ across the county. The initiative is one of several ideas that has come from the 'Working Carers Task Force Group' set up by local government and health professionals to better support working carers across Surrey. By signing up to the Charter, employers will commit to acknowledging the significant role unpaid carers have in our society, pledging to be more supportive of them in the workplace. For more information click [here](#).

They have also launched **#unlockinglives**, a fundraising campaign to raise awareness of the important role unpaid carers have in society, looking after friends and family with care needs round-the-clock: [Charity to shine a light on the important role unpaid carers have on society - Crossroads Care Surrey](#)

### **New online learning sessions available to view NOW**

Further to the recent online learning sessions, they are pleased to confirm that recordings of the sessions are now available to view along with other associate presentation material.

#### **The Children's Social Care Review:**

**The Case for Change** online learning session recording. This session is presented by NNPCF Co-chair Mrunal Sisodia and Josh McAllister the independent chair of the review.

[Download the presentation from the learning session](#) along with the [survey results taken as part of the session](#).

#### **Integrated Care Systems:**

**'What they mean for SEND and parent carer forums' online learning session recording.**

This session explores the Integrated Care System and the wide ranging impact on the way in which services for children with SEND are commissioned and delivered. NNPCF co-chair Mrunal Sisodia and Contact Strategic Health Lead Amanda Elliot step through the planned changes and what they might mean for SEND services and parent carer forums.

[Download the presentation from the learning session](#) along with the [survey results taken as part of the session](#).

Please note that many further information resources for forums and other recorded webinars and learning sessions are available on Contact's **Forum Resources page**.

## **DaySpace**

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### **DaySpace - in-house sessions are back!**



Dayspace are excited to be able to offer a new session giving customers the opportunity to develop digital and broadcasting skills.

Participants will have the chance to be involved in the production and hosting of the Dayspace podcast or Dayspace Radio, get creative with videos for our YouTube channel and much more.

Whether customers choose to be on camera or work behind the scenes, they will be provided with the skills to use the technology that makes it all happen!

If you would like to organise a free taster session please email us [info@dayspace.org.uk](mailto:info@dayspace.org.uk). In-house sessions can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

## Healthwatch Surrey updates



One of the statutory duties of Healthwatch is to obtain the views of local people regarding their needs for, and experiences of, local care services and importantly to make these views known. This briefing summarises key themes they have heard throughout May 2021. Healthwatch Surrey's insight bulletin attached.

If there is something you would like to hear more about, please email Kate Scribbins: [Kate.Scribbins@healthwatchsurrey.co.uk](mailto:Kate.Scribbins@healthwatchsurrey.co.uk).



### Healthwatch Surrey Community Cash Fund winners announced -

Having received a huge amount of applications for the 5th Community Cash Fund, their panel have chosen the winners. This year, funding will be going to the following organisations in their area:

**Tandridge Befriending scheme** – helping isolated, lonely people with a befriending service that supports resilience, independence and health and wellbeing.

**The Brigitte Trust** – providing volunteer led emotional support and help in Surrey to those facing a life-threatening diagnosis.

**Dorking Mens Sheds** – bringing together men who are socially isolated to provide a venue to meet and create projects.



### NHS Digital to collect patient data and medical records

Originally planned to begin on 1st July this has now been deferred until 1st September 2021 when NHS Digital will begin collecting patient data and medical records from GP Practices in England. To find information on what data will be collected and what it will be used for, please visit [NHS Digital website](#). Patients who wish to opt out can find out how to do so via the NHS Digital website [National data opt-out page](#).

The plans for the data sharing have been reported in the news in recent days including the BBC. You can read their article below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-57341897>

### Health Advocacy

Healthwatch Surrey provide an advocacy service and support to parent carers if they wish to make a complaint about any health service they are accessing, more information and contact details can be found via this link:

[How to make a complaint \(Advocacy\) - Healthwatch Surrey](#)

## YMCA East Surrey updates

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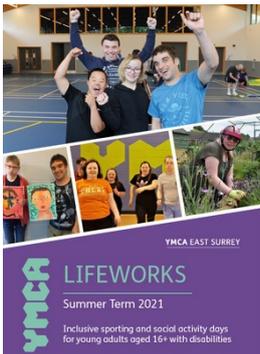
### Surrey Coalition Get More Active Blog

Last week Katy visited the recently refurbished and reopened YMCA Sports and Community Centre in Redhill. Find out more about this brilliant local facility here: [Katy's blog about YMCA East Surrey](#).

The full range of activities that have now restarted can be seen here:

[Disability - YMCA East Surrey](#).

### LifeWorks Inclusive Activities



Inclusive sporting and social activity days for young adults aged 16+ with disabilities. Summer sessions are available from bowling, gardening, walk and picnic to name a few.

If you would like to see all the sessions available and book online, please visit: <https://www.ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk/our-services/disability/lifeworks/>

For more information please contact Jade Birch via email [jade.birch@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk](mailto:jade.birch@ymcaeastsurrey.org.uk) or phone [01737 222859](tel:01737 222859).

## Oska Bright Film Festival

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### Oska Bright 2021 is on the horizon

Oska Bright is preparing for a festival like no other, but they need your films. Submissions close on the 31st August 2021. This year there will be a small charge to submit a film. If you can't pay, please get in touch. Submit through FilmFreeway: [Oska Bright Film Festival](#).

## The Include Choir

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Include.org is continuing to run 3-4 digital sessions online for local and more widespread members with learning disabilities, families, support services and other community members. Steps towards resuming face to face services have started with outdoor, socially distanced 'teabreak' sessions at the weekend and The Include Choir travelling Roadshow which delivers The Include Choir feel good factor and musical communication practice outdoors for different social care services. It has been wonderful to sing together again, with all possible safety measures in place.

As part of their 5th birthday celebrations, Include is sharing monthly Accessible Information Resources, created with the support of our members. These are free to

download from the [Include.org website](https://include.org) on a range of topics; the latest being Hannah's excellent 'Healthy Lifestyle' Tips.

Beyond the local landscape, Include.org has been working as Charity partner with the app 'CardMedic' to address the issue of communication barriers in healthcare for people with learning disabilities and other cognitive communication needs, and partnering with organizations across Europe in the Erasmus-funded 'IDEAL' project, looking at how online learning affects the opportunities of people with learning disabilities or difficulties in Further Education.

Include.org's new inclusive communication and mental capacity act training for social care and healthcare services is in development and will be available later this year. Makaton and Talking Mats training courses is also available. To find out more, please email [info@include.org](mailto:info@include.org) or call 07446 897835.

## Bloomin' Arts

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### **MAKE IT - Thursdays 9.30 am-1pm**

Explore, Create and Make!

Let your creativity flow as you make paintings, sculptures and bespoke artistic products. Together, you will learn new skills and develop your creative and artistic flare to create your own portfolio of work. Beginner or expert, their small friendly group look forward to welcoming YOU!

### **BLOOMIN' ARTS DANCE COMPANY - Thursdays 2pm-4pm**

Dance It!

Do you love dance? Would you like to develop your dance skills further? This ongoing course for people who have had previous experience in dance. Taught by our professional dance teacher. You will learn a range of different dance techniques and styles, such as ballet, street dance and contemporary. Learn how to improve your flexibility, gain choreography and performance skills.

In June Bloomin' Arts "Our World Of Colour" exhibition launched as part of Surrey artist open studios - SAOS

Bloomin' Arts currently have spaces on the above mentioned courses for September 2021! FREE Taster Session Available contact Hayley in the office [info@bloominarts.org.uk](mailto:info@bloominarts.org.uk) or **01342 836785**.

Bloomin' Arts are very happy to announce that "Our World In Colour" exhibition is available virtually! Click on the **link** to walk around the exhibition and look at the amazing artwork, all from the comfort of your own home.

They have a few pointers for you:

- The exhibition may take a few moments to load.
- You can walk around the exhibition by clicking on the floor, or by using the arrow keys on your keyboard.

- Clicking on the door will open it, which will then allow you to walk into another room.
- If you double click on the artwork you will be able to read all about that piece of art.
- If you double click on the photograph of the artist, you will be able to read all about the artist.

*“What an amazing exhibition by such a talented group of artists. Vibrant and colourful work”.* - Visitor June 2021.

## Other updates

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### Bereavement Support

The Brigitte Trust will be running bereavement support courses for anyone in Surrey who may benefit from an 8-week structured course run by a professional facilitator. The courses will run throughout the year in different Surrey locations and be restricted to 12 people per course. For further information, please see attached flyer. Please call or email a referral to: Sarah Pattenden 0746 9932192 or [sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com](mailto:sarah.pattenden@brigitte-trust.com).



### The Bottom Line Radio: Purple Round

The spending power of disabled people and their families - the so-called purple pound - is valued at £249 billion a year. So is there a competitive business advantage in designing accessible goods and services? Evan Davis and guests discuss, with examples ranging from haircare products to hotel rooms. Please visit [The Bottom Line Radio](http://www.thebottomlineradio.com) which is an interesting radio programme to people with disabilities.

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## Annual General Meeting/Special General Meeting

This year's AGM/SGM will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30pm** at Redhill Baptist Church, Hatchlands Road, Redhill, RH1 6AE. Please save this date in your diaries as we hope many of you as possible can attend this important meeting. Further details will be sent to you in advance.

If you need any further information on these items or have other areas of concern please contact either me on Tel: 07787 555338 Email: [support@eastssurreymencap.org](mailto:support@eastssurreymencap.org), or Helen Norris, Co-Chair, on Tel: 07770 750202 – Email:

[co-chair@eastssurreymencap.org](mailto:co-chair@eastssurreymencap.org).

Best wishes – **John**



John Spedding – on behalf of all members of the East Surrey Mencap Committee

### **Key Support Contact Details**

**SCC Community Helpline:** Tel: 0300 200 1008 (8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 2pm Saturday and Sunday) - [SCC Community Helpline Website](#)

**SCC Adults Social Care Contact Centre:** Tel: 0300 200 1005 (9am to 5pm Monday to

Friday) - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adults/contact>

**SCC Children's Single Point of Access Centre:** Phone: 0300 470 9100 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday):

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/childrens-social-care/contact-childrens-services>

**Centralised Learning Disability Team:** Tel – 01483 404770 or Email :

- East Learning Disability and Autism Team:  
[East.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:East.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk)
- West Learning Disability and Autism Team:  
[West.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:West.LearningDisabilityDuty@surreycc.gov.uk)

[If you wish to report a concern about the safety of a vulnerable person, then please contact the Surrey Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 470 9100 or by e-mail [ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ascmash@surreycc.gov.uk) 01483 517898 or [edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk); and 101 Police; and NHS 111 for urgent health advice at any time.]

**Transition Team:** Tel – 01276 800270 or Email: [transitionteam@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:transitionteam@surreycc.gov.uk)

**Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Trust** – 01737 288800 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

(Out of Hours Contact – Trust Switchboard: 0300 5555 222)

**South-East SEND Team** (Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge, Mole Valley)

Tel: 01737 737990 Email: [sesen@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:sesen@surreycc.gov.uk)

Address: Consort House, 5-7 Queensway, Redhill RH1 1YB

**Action for Carers Surrey** can still be contacted by phone - 0303 040 1234 or Text - 07714 075993 9am-5pm Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9am-6pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or by email: [CarerSupport@actionforcarers.org.uk](mailto:CarerSupport@actionforcarers.org.uk)

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