



CHILDREN'S HEARING SERVICES IN CHESHIRE

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Children's Hearing Services Working Groups (CHSWGs) exist to ensure services work together to support hearing impaired children and their families.

In Cheshire CHSWG there are representatives from Parents of Hearing Impaired Children, Education, Audiology, Speech and Language Therapy and Charity organisations.

Cheshire CHSWG meets 3 times a year to discuss important issues and keep up-to-date with news and events which are relevant to hearing impaired children and their families.

More information about CHSWG can be found on the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) website. Go to their website www.ndcs.org.uk and search 'CHSWG' or use this link; <http://www.ndcs.org.uk/family-support/useful-links-and-organisations/glossary/chswg.html>

See overleaf for topics which were discussed at our October 2017 meeting.

We welcome all parents/carers/ family members of children with hearing loss to get involved with Cheshire CHSWG. Your input helps to ensure services which support you and your child are working effectively.

Next Cheshire CHSWG meeting is Thursday 12th October 2017 10-12noon at DSN Offices, 27 Bridge St, Macclesfield, SK11 6EG. Contact your local Audiology team if you would like to come along or raise any issues for discussion, or to leave any feedback on your experience of services or suggest areas for improvement.

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If you would like to find out more about CHSWG or any of the issues in this newsletter please contact your local Audiology Department, Sensory Support service or SALT service

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

A parent of a child with a cochlear implant gave good feedback on a Bionic Ear Association weekend he recently attended, which included updates on technological advances and meeting other parents of children with hearing loss. This parent also recommended the Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group, whose website is www.cisgroup.org.uk, and said he is happy to be contacted by parents of newly diagnosed children for support and advice.

Deafness Support Network (DSN)

DSN have clubs in Chester, Macclesfield, Warrington and Vale Royal, and offer services for children with hearing loss and their families, including;

Youth Vibe is a youth service for 8-18 year olds, led by Deaf, hearing impaired and hearing young people. The local groups meet regularly to socialise and participate in a wide range of activities.

'**DSN I'm Hear**' offers support to children with hearing loss and their families within the home, for example with communication and deaf awareness.

DSN Social Care team provides specialist support such as counselling, help and advice on benefits, information about services and advice on technical equipment.

DSN also run British Sign Language courses and are looking into offering lip-reading classes depending on levels of interest.

More information can be found online at www.dsnonline.co.uk, or by contacting DSN via

Telephone: 0333 220 5050

Textphone: 01244 375347

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EDUCATION

East Cheshire 2 newest members of team have now been in post 12 months and are doing great. The team is fully staffed. One specialist Teacher of the Deaf is undertaking an Educational Audiologist course at Mary Hare

AUDIOLOGY

East Cheshire (Macclesfield) - A member of staff (Laura Rhodes) plans to go on maternity leave in March, which will leave a vacancy for a paediatric audiologist for 2.5 days per week for a period of 12 months.

Mid Cheshire (Crewe) - A new clinical scientist (Lauren Parry) has been appointed in a permanent role.

West Cheshire (Chester) - No changes to service.

SPEECH & LANGUAGE

THERAPY (SALT)

Cheshire & Merseyside Specialist SALT network has recently had a very successful CQC (Care Quality Commission) review.



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