



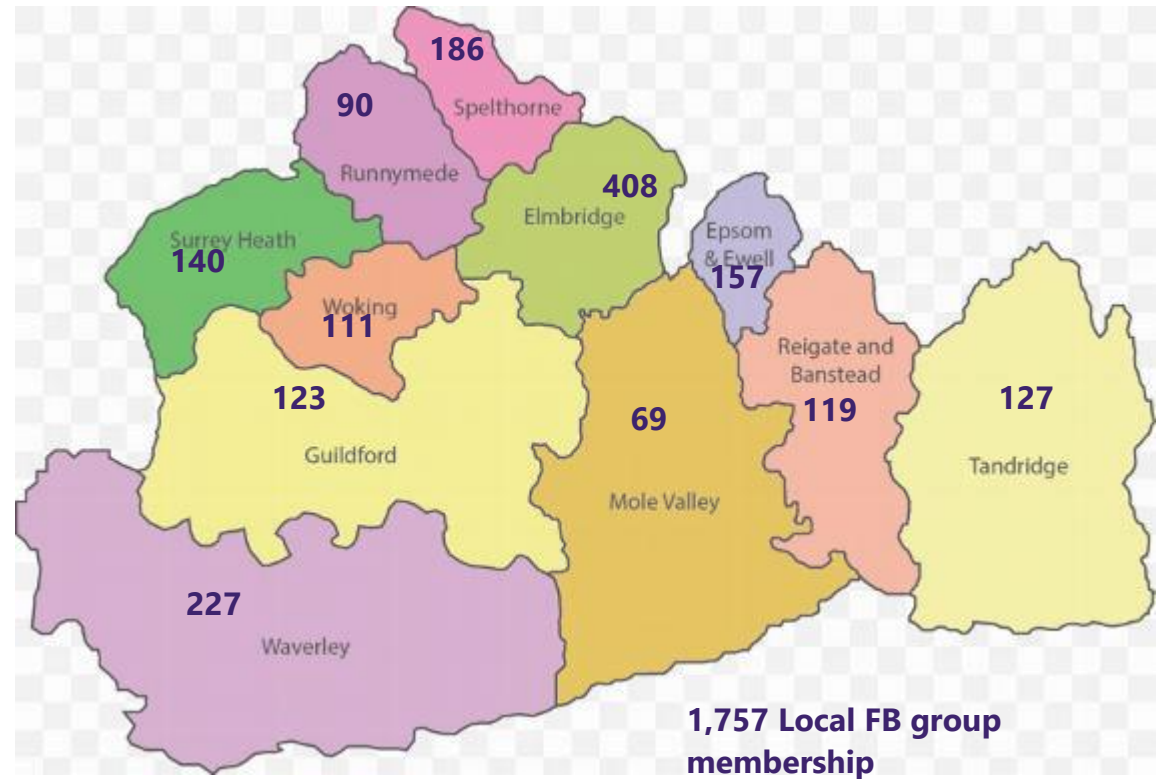
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Facebook page followers: 2,524
 Facebook closed parent group members: 731
 Combined local Facebook group membership: 1,757
 Twitter followers: 1,848

Members who attended an event: 55

New FVS members:
 33

In one word tell us how you're feeling: this mood picture is fed back to partners and has been really powerful in conveying the impact of services and support



What we have heard

SEN teacher training is not adequate and the whole system must be changed. We are failing too many.

One of my main concerns is the lack of specialised education establishment for learning where the child is the centre and not the curriculum.

My son's placement at college broke down and Surrey then ended the placement at review. Mt son developed anxiety and couldn't cope. I had to complain to get an amended EHCP. The whole world is just so difficult for him.

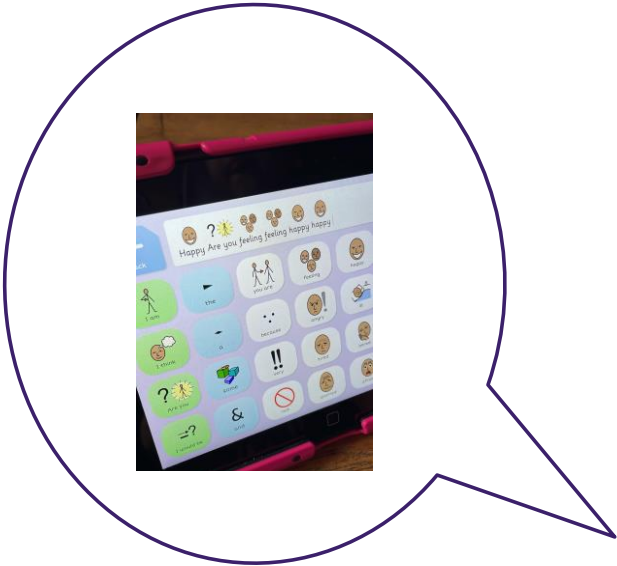
In Scotland, schools treat breaks and lunch as extra lessons and staff are at hand to play, join in and support kids.

My child tried the local CYP Haven and it went really well. The child had been feeling at odds and was becoming more isolated.

You don't know how many doors I have had slammed in my face ... it is not easy finding any activity for my ASD Son! Actually when you told me that there was this swimming class for children with special needs my heart opened ups in joy ... I was super happy and in fact I signed him up straight away!!

There is There is a huge duplication of effort in the referral and triaging process for mental health services – parent end up telling their story again and again before they get to see a clinician who quite possible will not have had time to read the notes so the parents has to go through this again. This is exhausting. Plus if the parent asks for a copy of the notes being sent to the clinician ahead of the appointment to ensure all details are correct this is not possible without doing an SAR. Seems designed to fail and can cause a Chinese whisper effect where the information a clinician who sees a child gets sight of can be based on second hand information noted down in a phone call and never fact checked by the family – the whole appointment can be wasted due to misunderstandings.

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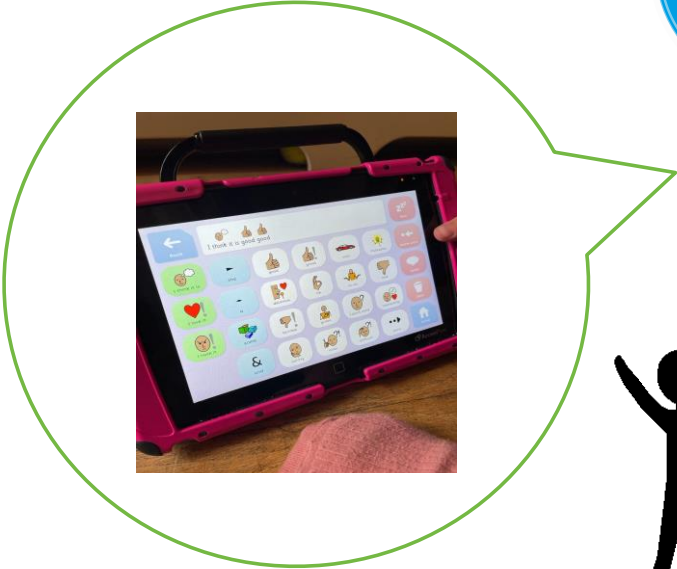


My school is an acting special needs school

The Dancing is the best at Woking Leisure Centre!

“Young person’s voice/communication (verbal, physical movement, makaton, Pecs, PODD, eye gaze etc)”

I look forward to swimming next week!



Parent Carer quotes

My daughter is in Y10 and has ND profile and the school are meeting her needs. The Senco is amazing and has a great team around her.





Stay & Play FB – amazing thank you I wasn't aware of this group and was wondering if there was such a place

We are now on our third appeal - one was conceded before tribunal hearing and one went all the way to hearing. We are now appealing our contents of the plan. Throughout the process our child has been totally forgotten. Our current reason for appealing the plan is that all of our private report recommendations have been removed, the ehcp is exactly the same as it was prior to our amendments. By way of an example, as there is no LA report it states that under sensory needs he has 'none identified.' This is absurd as his sensory issues are the primary reason that he's unable to attend mainstream school. It states mainstream even though our child has not been able to attend this mainstream for 15 months. Our child has had no educational provision from surrey for 15 months.

I feel so overwhelmed with the amount I need to do!

On the back of what I heard in the 16+ Group, I contacted our case officer and am pleased to report that she referred him to the transition team within the hour! He is 16 in a couple of weeks and for once I can relax a bit feeling that things are in hand.

Events

					
22/2/22	ADHD/Autism Group	9	25/2/22	Group for Parent Carers with children aged 0-6 with additional needs	2
23/2/22	Global Developmental Delay - General chat	2	2/3/22	Downs Syndrome Drop in for parents chat	3
23/2/22	Discussion on respite for unpaid carers	18	14/3/22	16+ Group - Transition to Adult Social Care	18
24/2/22	19+ chat group	1	17/3/22	Guildford meet up	2

* Where registered members have not been able to attend (usually due to caring responsibilities, they often have access to recordings or slides.

Participation work

Project update

Project	Update
Autism	World Autism Acceptance Week is happening during the w/c 28th March 2022. To celebrate the All Age Autism Strategy is having a online event throughout the week look out for some videos telling you more about the strategy. Shannon our Elmbridge coordinator will be at Walton library on Thursday 31st March between 10-12 and they would love to see you there do pop in and see her and the work going on in Surrey libraries to make them more accessible for autistic people and their families.
School Absence including Alternative Provision and EBSNA	Please keep sending in your questions and experiences around alternative provision and EOTAS so that we can share with the local authority to develop guidance for families around this. You can send them to Leanne – leanne.h@familyvoicesurrey.org
EHCP Process	We have now added another video: The Role Of The Case Officer to our bitesized series of videos which can be accessed here: EHCP Processes: Role Of A Case Officer You can also watch the other 2 via these links: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgdmPdTe4g8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F51rZ3sGrE We are continuing our recordings over the next few months and will update you as and when they

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	become available. Please do let us know your thoughts on these and whether it matches your experience – you can email Leanne – leanne.h@familyvoicesurrey.org with your thoughts and experiences which we will pass over to the SEND team for their response or if you have any questions do email them over and the SEND team will endeavour answer them.
SEND Admissions/Key stage transfers	We are aware that there are still families who still haven't received a name placement for September. We will continue to work with the admissions team to get updates and track progress on this.
Preparing for Adulthood	We had a great session in our post 16 group this month where the transition team came along to speak with families. We are delighted to be welcoming Kathrine Everett and Jo McSherrrie from the SEND team to talk about the EHCP process at the PFA stage to our post 16 group which has been extended to 13+ for this event. It will be on Monday 11 th April at 6.30pm please email Gretta – tandrige@familyvoicesurrey.org to book your place.
Transport	We are aware the recent transport consultation has caused a lot of anxiety and concern for our members. Benedicte did a Facebook Live with Eamonn Gilbert, Assistant Director for Commissioning - SEND & LAC at Surrey County Council on Friday 18 th March 2022 – you can watch this on our Family Voice parent carer Facebook page. Any questions or comments after watching this please do email Leanne: leanne.h@familyvoicesurrey.org and we will pass them over to the transport team. If you haven't already please do complete the consultation you have until midnight on the 31 st March to do this. https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/h2s/
Short Breaks	We are working with the short Breaks team to let families know what is available and the booking windows for the summer holidays for families and encourage them to register early. This will be ready for families to see by the end of this month
Local Offer	The local offer are keen to set up a small working party of families to hear their feedback on what they want and how they want to see the information on the local offer. The first group will be at 11am on 31 st March
Health	Delighted to tell families that following a successful trial of the SEND swimming in Spelthorne, the class has been made permanent and a 10 week course. We are now implementing the trail in Sunbury next month, with the families who were on the waiting list. Spelthorne leisure centre has now started a SEN trampolene session too, which is proving to be very popular already

Meetings attended

Project	Information
	SYF -Time for Kids Meeting- Trust
Health	Building Family Strength Forum

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Social Care	Social Care mapping meeting
Short Breaks	Short Breaks workstream meeting and summer planning meetings
Internal	OPS team meeting and PM status meeting
EWMH	Amplify team meeting
EWMH	ND Bi weekly call
EWMH	Mindworks team monthly call
EWMH	Andy Vowes Stocktake meeting
Health	Spelthorne Leisure Centre trial planning/discussion meeting
Social Care	Melanie Carole Meeting
Health	Active Surrey training plan meeting x2
Health	Healthwatch meeting
Local Offer	Local Offer project planning meetings
Internal	Annual event meetings
Internal	FVS trustee meetings
Direct payment	Direct payment strategy meeting
Strategic	3 rd Sector Operations network
Strategic	Commissioning support
EWMH	Discussion about FVS involvement in Mental Health Support Teams
Strategic	Case studies discussion
	Parents as Partners training material
	SCSP multi agency audit proposal
	High Sheriff Summit: Better Inclusion
	PBS meeting
	Learning disability partnership board
	LD & ASD programme board
	CYP autism partnership board
	SEF and SEND Strategy Steering Board
	SEND Transformation catch up
	SEND catch up
	PCF peer review meeting

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	SEND Advice Surrey catch up
	Meeting Jenny Brickell, new AD for social care
	SEND Partnership Board
Inclusion	SEMH Meeting
Autism	Autism Strategy Event Meeting
Autism	PBS Meeting
PFA	Keyworker Workshop
Autism	Neurodevelopmental Stocktake meeting
PFA	PFA Transformation Program Board
EHCP Process	Meeting with DCO
Autism	Autism Strategy Implementation Workshop
Early Years	Better Start Transformation Board
Inclusion	EBSNA meeting with SYF
Inclusion	Ordinarily Available Meeting
EHCP Processes	Send Admissions Meeting

Glossary

SEND	special educational needs and disability	Schools forum	A representative body of schools who discuss and make decisions about schools funding. FVS is the SEND representative on the forum
NNPCF	National network of parent carer forums	EHCP	Education, health and care plan
Alternative Provision	Education not provided in a school. Includes A2E, hospital school, virtual school, PRU, home tutors and more	Local Offer	Most often used to refer to the website that gives information on SEND provision in Surrey
UVP	User voice and participation team. A SCC team that specialises in hearing the voice of young people in care, using CAMHS and with SEND	DCS	Director for Children’s Services

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DfE/NHSE	Department for Education, NHS England	SaBP	Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust... deliver the mental health and neurodevelopmental assessment services
LD & ASD programme board	Discuss is a broad range of issues affecting children, young people and adults with learning disabilities and or autism spectrum disorders	DA	Domestic abuse
SEMH	Social, emotional and mental health	DCO	Designated Clinical Officer
CwD	Children with disabilities social care team	SWP	Surrey Wellbeing Partnership
NEET	Not in education, employment or training	SSCP	Surrey Safeguarding Children's Partnership
SYF	Surrey Youth Focus	RFID ARFID	Restrictive Food Intake Disorder Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder
CChS	Children's Community Health Service		