

WARRINGTON PARENTS & CARERS



JULY NEWSLETTER

WarrPAC is the independent, designated Parent and Carer Forum for Warrington, funded by the Department for Education.

WarrPAC is run by volunteer parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. We work in partnership with local services to shape and improve health, education and social care for children and young people with SEND and their families across Warrington.

Message from our Chair Jean Fitzpatrick

As another busy term comes to an end, I'd like to thank all of our families for your continued support, feedback, and involvement. Your voices help shape the work we do and make a real difference to SEND services across Warrington.

As we head into the summer holidays, I know this time of year can bring both excitement and challenges. I hope you can find time to relax, enjoy the local activities available, and make some special memories together.

On behalf of everyone at WarrPAC, I wish you a safe, happy, and restful summer. Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

Jean
Chair, WarrPAC

CHECK-IN & CHAT

A big thank you to those who came along to our recent check-in & chat sessions.



Our next check-in and chat:

DATE	VENUE	TIME
Monday 13th July	Sandy Lane Family Hub	10:00 - 12:00
Friday 11th September	Sandy Lane Family Hub	10:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 15th September	Alford Hall	19:00 - 21:00
Monday 21st September	Sandy Lane Family Hub	10:00 - 12:00
Friday 9th October	Sandy Lane Family Hub	10:00 - 12:00
Monday 19th October	Sandy Lane Family Hub	10:00 - 12:00

These sessions are a lovely chance to come together for a cuppa and a chat, share experiences and hear directly from local services

Professionals in attendance will be updated on our website and social media pages.

How have WarrPAC representatives been working towards a SEND friendly Warrington?

YOUR VOICE!

As always, WarrPAC has been working across Education, Health and Social Care to ensure parent carers' voices are heard and help improve services for children and young people with SEND. Here are some highlights from this term.

SEND Reforms

WarrPAC continues to work with Warrington Borough Council and partners to ensure parent carers are involved in shaping local SEND reforms through co-production. We will keep families updated as plans develop.

Improving SEND Transport

Following feedback from families, WarrPAC has worked with Warrington Borough Council to improve SEND transport information. The Local Offer now provides clearer guidance on eligibility, applications, appeals and available travel support.

Find out more: www.warrington.gov.uk/send-travel-assistance
www.warrington.gov.uk/local-offer-send

Health & Hospital Passports

Working with health professionals and neighbouring Parent Carer Forums, we are co-producing a single Health and Hospital Passport. This will replace multiple versions with one consistent and clear document to support families and healthcare professionals.

Carers Partnership Board

WarrPAC continues to co-produce Warrington's new Carers Strategy, helping to develop more accessible, joined-up services that better meet the needs of unpaid carers.

EDUCATION SETTINGS

Educational settings that have engaged with us include Willow Green CIO, St Peters Catholic Primary, Birchwood CE Primary, Woolston Brook, St Stephens Catholic Primary, Broomfield's Junior School, Cinnamon Brow CE Primary, Thelwall Infant School

We have been invited to SEND coffee mornings, market stalls, parents evenings, sports days. We have been able to listen to parents offer advice and signpost to beneficial services.

Do you know an educational setting that might benefit from WarrPAC visits? Look out for our new offer to schools launching soon!

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Warrington Youth Zone

4th BIRTHDAY PARTY 11th July 12:00-18:00

Every Wednesday in August - Victoria Park Experience (VPX)Warrington

For more information visit www.warringtonyouthzone.org

Families United

7th July Inclusive Dj workshop

12th July Sunday Swim

15th July Parent Chat Mamars

16th July Turkish fundraiser night

For more information visit www.familiesunited.uk



Warrington Play & Sensory

Open play sessions & members

Child under the age of 11 years who are not members can book alongside our current members onto these sessions.

Our regular sessions run every Tuesday and Friday between 3:30pm to 6pm

For more information visit

www.warrington.gov.uk/session-booking

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

School holidays can be challenging for families, with added costs for food, childcare and activities.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, funded by the Department for Education, provides eligible children receiving free school meals with free holiday activities and a healthy meal during Easter, summer and Christmas breaks.

The HAF programme also promotes active travel through walking, cycling and wheeling, helping children build confidence, learn new skills, and understand the benefits of sustainable travel for their health, wellbeing and the environment.

For more information visit www.warrington.gov.uk/haf

SERVICE UPDATES

North Cheshire and Mersey NHS Foundation Trust
Formally Bridgewater NHS Trust

The Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust has officially merged with Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to form the North Cheshire and Mersey NHS Foundation Trust on April 1, 2026. This merger aims to enhance healthcare services for the communities of Warrington, Halton, and surrounding areas by integrating hospital and community services. Patients will continue to receive the same care and support in the same locations, with no immediate changes to appointment processes or contact details. The new trust is focused on improving healthcare delivery and addressing the growing health needs of the population.

Warrington SEND

INFORMATION



ADVICE & SUPPORT

WARRINGTON PCF



Warrington's designated parent career forum. Our aim is to make sure that SEND services in Warrington meet the needs of children, young people and their families

www.warrpac.org

ADVANCED SOLUTIONS



A community based support network that offers a wide range of programs for children, young people and their families with neurodevelopment conditions

www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



We promote the early detection and prevention of mental health problems across the whole school and strengthen links between schools and mental health services.

www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/warrington/mental-health-support-team-schools

SIGNPOSTING

SENDIASS



Warrington SEND, Information, Advice and Support Service helps parents, carers and young people with SEN in education settings.

infowarringtonsendiass@warrington.gov.uk

LIVING WELL HUB



The Hub provides a range of NHS and non-clinical services under one roof. There is a community-led space with a café area where you can drop in.

www.warrington.gov.uk/living-well-hub

WARRINGTON FAMILY HUB



Family hubs ensure that local families can access the right support, at the right time, in the right place, with the right people.

www.warrington.gov.uk/family-hubs

Warrington Carers Hub

Are you looking after a family member, friend or neighbour? The Warrington Carers Hub is here to support young and adult carers across the borough.

The Hub offers free information, advice and access to a wide range of local and national support services, helping carers look after their own health and wellbeing while continuing in their caring role.

**Warrington
Carers Hub**

Do you have a family member,
friend or neighbour who cannot
manage without your support?
Then we may be able to help you



Get in touch

Opening Times: **Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm**
Telephone: **0300 303 0623** (calls charged at local rate)
Email: enquiries@warringtoncarershub.org.uk
Website: www.warringtoncarershub.org.uk
Address: **Freepost Warrington Carers Hub**
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Find out more:

Visit: www.n-compass.org.uk/get-support/carers/warrington-carers-hub/

Call: 0300 303 0623

Email: enquiries@warringtoncarershub.org.uk

Or scan the QR code for more information.

LOCAL OFFER

Warrington's Local Offer has lots of information about help and support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families.

The Local Offer is for Warrington's children and young people, and their parents and carers. Professionals will also find the information useful for supporting people they work with.

www.warrington.gov.uk/local-offer-send

ChatHealth

There is a secure text messaging service for parents and carers of children and young people (0-19 years). The service helps parents and carers get quick and trusted health advice from a health visitor or school nurse.

The ChatHealth text number operates Monday-Friday from 9am until 5pm.

The numbers are:

0 - 5 Parents Service – 07507 327981

5 - 19 Parents Service – 07480 635994

11 - 19 Young People's Service – 07507 330101

This is not an emergency service. You should follow usual advice in seeking urgent medical attention.

OT ADVICE LINE

Occupational Therapy (OT) Advice Line - 01925 946097

Every Wednesday, 9:00–11:00 am, the Occupational Therapy team runs a telephone advice line for parents, carers and professionals.

You can ring the advice line if your child has difficulties with:

- Fine motor skills (e.g. handwriting, using scissors, fastening buttons)
- Gross motor skills (e.g. balance, coordination or catching a ball)
- Dressing, feeding or other everyday self-care skills
- Sensory processing (e.g. sensitivity to noise, clothing, food textures or movement)
- Attention, concentration or participation in everyday activities at home or school

An Occupational Therapist will offer advice, practical strategies and discuss whether any further support may be appropriate.

ADHD MEDICATION - REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS

Families are reminded that requests for repeat ADHD and sleep medication for children and young people in Warrington should be sent by email only.

Requests should be emailed 7–10 days before medication runs out to:
bchft.warrcompaed-repeatscripts@nhs.net

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