



PACC Newsletter

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Meet the team



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With a Direct Payment I can live the life I want 

Open and Honest
Working Together, through open and honest communication the right information can be shared from the first decision to have a Direct Payment and every step of the way after.

Flexible and Creative
Working Together, Direct Payments can be used in flexible and creative ways, so that they support wellbeing and the lives people want to lead.

Clear and Simple
Working Together, Direct payments can be straightforward and managed in a clear and simple way which develops skills and confidence as an employer.



Direct Payments

Shropshire Council have a new website all about Direct Payments in Shropshire: it provides information for all stages of involvement with direct payments from initial information, to help and advice on current direct payments, and information for personal assistants and employers.

[CLICK HERE](#)



”Understanding your child” workshops

- Would you like to know more about your child’s development?
- Do you understand your child’s behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet other parent carers?

To book your place or find out more, please either ring or email Shropshire Council’s parenting team on 01743 250950 or email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

The groups meet virtually on MS Teams and if you can’t make it this time, please register on the above number for groups which start in April.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Autism in schools Project

PACC is a delivery partner for the North Midlands Autism in Schools Pilot, which covers Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, Staffordshire, and Stoke on Trent. The core aim of the pilot involves working with schools to improve the experience of children and young people who are diagnosed as autistic or are suspected as being autistic in the school environment and to develop a positive partnership between parent carers and schools. PACC will be working with 4 Shropshire schools to support this work and to establish school-based participation groups, providing support and information and supporting dialogue with the school leadership team.

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Shrewsbury 600m fun run

Shrewsbury Town in the Community have been working closely with 'Shrewsbury 10k' to create a disability accessible run as part of the Shrewsbury 10k 2022 race, after the successes of the 2021 race. The 600m fun run, will have a grand start/finish line in the quarry in Shrewsbury. The race is held on Sunday 13th March 2022, with the event taking place just before the main race and will start at 08:30am. There are some amazing fundraising prizes to be won this year!

This event only has 50 places, so click the link below to register and reserve your place! For more information, please contact mark.bull@sttcc.co.uk

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Supporting Access to the Covid Vaccination Offer for the SEND Community

PACC is part of a local working group including the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group and Shropshire Council, looking at how access to the Covid vaccination programme for all groups can be achieved. We know that many children, young people and adults who are part of the SEND community face difficulties in accessing health care and need reasonable adjustments to be in place. There are currently a significant number of autistic adults and adults with a learning disability who have not accessed the vaccination programme or who have only accessed part of it, and we suspect that the same will be true for children and young people, as vaccinations and boosters are rolled out to this younger groups. We are looking to identify what are the key barriers faced by the SEND community in accessing the Covid vaccination and to work with the CCG and Council to ensure that these are addressed.

A programme of direct phone calls has been started to contact adults that are known not to have had the vaccination or boosters, but this will take time and will not at this stage apply to those under the age of 18. Therefore, we are asking anyone from the SEND community who are facing difficulties in accessing a Covid vaccination contact PACC to talk to us about the barriers they face and what would help them to be vaccinated. We understand that being vaccinated is a personal choice and we respect this right, however if you do wish to access the vaccination programme but it isn't available in a way that enables you to do this please do get in touch. It is important that everyone who wants to be vaccinated can be and that reasonable adjustments are made to meet your needs. We will share this information about the barriers being faced with the CCG and Council and will work with them to put things in place to address these.

Please contact us on enquiries@paccshropshire.org.uk or ring on 07398 120311

Useful links

**Covid
Vaccination
information for 5
to 11 year olds**

**Walk- in clinics
for Covid
vaccines in
Shropshire**

**Covid 19
Treatment**

**Order Lateral Flow
Tests**

**Report a Covid
lateral flow test
result**