

Developing Suffolk Talent



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Welcome to our e-bulletin which is designed to give you timely updates on the work of the Skills Team and key developments across the region and nationally. It is our plan to send you this bulletin at monthly intervals, so please feel free to give us feedback on what you would find useful.

If you would like further information on any of the projects or issues below you are welcome to email skills@suffolk.gov.uk and we will get you in touch with the relevant staff member.



Dear colleagues,

We hope that you are remaining safe and well

If you have any comments, observations or feedback you would like to share with us please feel free to let us know via skill@suffolk.gov.uk.

The Skills Team

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NEWS



Shortlisted for a nasen Award!

The Suffolk SEND **16+ Transitions Guide** has been shortlisted for the *David Ryan Publication Award 2020*. The winners will be announced on 16th October 2020 with a video hosted on their website [https://nasen.org.uk/event-listing/nasen-awards/awards-](https://nasen.org.uk/event-listing/nasen-awards/awards-2020.html)

[2020.html](https://nasen.org.uk/event-listing/nasen-awards/awards-2020.html)

Congratulations to all those involved with the creation of the guide!

Area SEND interim visits

The Suffolk SEND system has volunteered to participate in the national programme of survey work across 18 local areas, also known as the Area SEND Interim Visits, led by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC). This will take place between now and March 2021.

On **13 & 14 October 2020**, **Ofsted and CQC will visit Suffolk** to understand more about the support for children and young people with SEND during the COVID-19 pandemic and to gather evidence to inform future national improvement across Education, Health and Care. The voices of children, young people and families will be gathered through case studies and via a survey from Ofsted and CQC.

More information and guidance can be found [here](#) regarding the visits.

The Suffolk Parent Carer Network currently has a survey underway that many of you will have already seen - about the experiences of families during lockdown and the return to school. While this is not part of the nationally designed Ofsted survey, **SPCN will use feedback from this survey to provide evidence to Ofsted and CQC about the impact of COVID-19 in addition to the arranged visit.** [Link here to SPCN survey.](#)

For full details of the visits please also see the **attached** briefing note.

Government Guidance



Vicky Ford MP

Minister Ford letter to SEND Sector

The **attached** letter was sent from Minister Ford on 2 September 2020 to children and young people with SEND, their families and carers, and those who work to support them. The letter outlines the support available for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities for their return to school.

You can read the full details in the attachment.



Translated Guidance available: *What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak*

Information for parents and carers about going back to schools, nurseries and colleges in the autumn term - the government has translated [guidance for parents and carers with children in nursery, school, or college in the autumn term](#) into the following languages:

- [Arabic](#) | [Bengali](#) | [Chinese – traditional](#) | [Chinese – simplified](#) | [French](#) | [Gujarati](#) | [Polish](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Punjabi](#) | [Romany](#) | [Somali](#) | [Turkish](#) | [Urdu](#)

COVID-19 Prevent Guidance

This is a briefing note for senior leaders, teachers and safeguarding leads at schools and further education providers on how extremists are using COVID-19 to promote disinformation, misinformation and conspiracy theories.

CTPHQ & DfE put together a briefing for schools and colleges that has now been published. This non-statutory advice from the Department for Education has been produced to provide a **short summary of the extremist response to COVID-19**, highlighting the additional radicalisation risks for children and young people and suggested actions for settings to take.

1. [Full Briefing: COVID-19 Prevent Guidance For Schools and Further Education Providers](#)
2. [Short Blog Post: Extremists are targeting young people during the pandemic – so what can you do to tackle this in the classroom?](#)



IOA – Creating Opportunities

The Ipswich Opportunity Area has **published a report on the first 3 years of the programme** giving an overview of the aims and priorities during this period. They are celebrating the extension of the programme after having been granted a fourth year of funding, the focus of which will be on sharing learning and building sustainability.

You can read the full report [here](#) and find out more about IOA on their website: <https://ipswichopportunityarea.co.uk/>



Work Well Suffolk

Do you know someone who could benefit from Work Well Suffolk? We are currently supporting over 200 residents across the County!

What our Participants say:

“

Thank you, you're definitely boosting my confidence.

Thank you so much what you have done for me today it is going to be a great help, I feel empowered.

Hello, Also thank you so much for talking. I know it's your job, however, I could tell by your voice that you do care and for once I actually believe in it, so thank you.

I'm totally surprised, shocked, slightly overwhelmed & now very smiley today!!! I wanted you to know that with your help & support I have achieved my goal so a very big thank you, J take care xx

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Visit our website <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/work-well-suffolk/>
or email us a question to workwellsuffolk@suffolk.gov.uk

APPRENTICESHIPS SUFFOLK PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Number of participants 80 of which 30 are established

Number of employers engaged 180 – 21 active – 16 opportunities

Number of work experience placements taken place – 3

Number of apprenticeship starts confirmed – 5

Age range of participants 16-18 = 67; 19-24 = 11; 25+ = 2

Industry sectors include: Motor vehicle, Engineering, Childcare & education, IT, Plumbing and Sport and fitness





New support service for young people aged 13+ experiencing any form of abuse

Survivors In Transition (SiT) is a specialist service whose been supporting adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse for the past 10 years in Suffolk.

The team at SiT are very excited to launch a **new support service for young people** called 'TOPE', for any young person who are or has experienced any form of abuse.

Motivated by reports of increases in abuse in the home during lockdown, **TOPE has been set up as a self-referral service for young people** to help them report abuse and seek support from specialist therapists.

Young people can call the TOPE line on **0808 168 1154 or text 07375 296229, from 9am to 9pm daily**. There is also a web chat facility available from 6pm to 9pm Monday to Friday on their website: www.tope.org.uk

SiT are working closely with the Fresh Start new beginnings children's charity, and key stakeholders, such as, the Safeguarding Partnership, MASH and Children and Young People's Services, to ensure that those young people who have reported abuse receive a seamless support service, and continue to be supported.

[Download the TOPE Poster](#) to help raise awareness of this new support service amongst your school staff and pupils.

Information about TOPE can also be found on [The Source website for young people in Suffolk](#)

Training Events

Supporting SEND Progression

Day 1: 1 October 2020 | 9.30 – 13.00 | Online

This training will consist of two sessions. **The first session** will give updates on the processes that support SEND Transition to Post 16 learning or training and will consist of keynote presentations, with opportunities for questions and comments to the speakers.

Day 2: w/c 9 November 2020 | 9.30 – 13.00 | Online

The second session will provide an opportunity to hear from a range of learning and training provision – across Suffolk and in your local area. This second session will consist of keynote presentations, questions and comments to the speakers as well as opportunities for discussion in smaller locality-based breakout groups.

Delegates can choose to attend one or both sessions.

For full details including timetable please see the attached infosheet.

To register got to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-send-progression-to-learning-training-and-work-tickets-119419532035>

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