



Snippets 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019



### DIAS

Mental Capacity Act course, Saturday 22 June 2019, 10:45 - 14:15 at Belmont Chapel, Western Way, Exeter EX1 2DB

This workshop is for parents/carers of young people aged 16-25, who may also have significant learning difficulties, attending an educational placement. It is also suitable for parents/carers of young people aged 14 years, and young people (14 to 25yrs) themselves, who are planning for when they reach their 16th birthday or beyond.

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 states that from their 16th birthday, all young people can make their own decisions about their education, health and social care, and it is expected that they will do so. The Act also states that a young person's special educational needs, diagnosis, age or behaviour are not reasons that they can be considered unable to make their own decision.

This workshop explains and explores:

- The legal definitions of capacity, and to lack capacity, and how it is decided if a young person lacks capacity to make a particular decision.
- The Mental Capacity Act 2005 'best interests' checklist. The workshop will cover the checklist and provide guidance about how to use it
- How to encourage and support young people's ability to make their own decisions.

The course has been largely subsidised by Moorvision and the cost is £10 per adult and £5 per young person including lunch and refreshments. Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

To find out more and to book your place contact Laura Hughes at [info@moorvision.org](mailto:info@moorvision.org) or 07581 566690

Also from DIAS: A factsheet is available to help anyone moving to Devon from outside of the County. It explains where you can find information and support and what to do if your child has an EHC Plan or SEN support. There are also handy tips about settling a child into a new school. Find the factsheet here: [https://www.devonias.org.uk/news/thinking-about-moving-to-devon/?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn](https://www.devonias.org.uk/news/thinking-about-moving-to-devon/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)

DIAS is keen to know what the people who use their service think about it, so they're running an online feedback survey. You can rate how useful the service is, how impartial they are and how quickly you were able to get hold of them. There's space for you to leave comments too. Whatever your experience, they'd like to hear from you - it's the best way they have of developing the service so that it best meets people's needs. If you have a couple of minutes spare to complete it, they'd love to hear what you think, click here to complete the survey:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gzehjWjLP0S7S5I\\_d\\_1b-4Dk\\_c6IV\\_VHoF9yDf9qWdNUNU9WUDBSMDVYSIJDRjVWN1hUMkJSVIRGTy4u&utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=SocialSignIn](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=gzehjWjLP0S7S5I_d_1b-4Dk_c6IV_VHoF9yDf9qWdNUNU9WUDBSMDVYSIJDRjVWN1hUMkJSVIRGTy4u&utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn)



Talking Point website has lots of free resources to help parents and carers of children with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN), including a Progress Checker. Find out more here: <http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/>



### Drakes Den SEN Sessions

Drakes Den will be holding exclusive SEN only sessions outside of normal opening hours so that your child can enjoy the soft play without any distractions. There will be two separate SEN Sessions, £3.25 per child/teen:

- 0-10 years: First Tuesday of the month, 6.15pm-7.15pm
- 11-17 years: First Wednesday of the month, 6.15pm-7.15pm

Numbers are limited, so booking is recommended. For more information and to book please call 01752 794444 or email: [info@drakesden.co.uk](mailto:info@drakesden.co.uk)



### Professionals Early Help Road show in your locality

The Professionals Early Help Roadshow is an opportunity for you and your colleagues to be inspired by Early Help's keynote speakers and workshops, and go back to your service with new ideas, awareness and clarification of how early help really works to support your families.

Forth coming dates are as follows:

- Monday 24th June – 9:15 (9:30 start) -13:00: Buckfast Abbey
- Tuesday 25th June – 9:15 (9:30 start) -13:00: Barnstaple Hotel
- Tuesday 2nd July – 9:15 (9:30 start) -13:00: Exeter Racecourse
- Tuesday 2nd July – 14:15 (14:30 start) -18:00: Exeter Racecourse
- Wednesday 3rd July – 11:45 (12:00 start) – 15:30: Tiverton Hotel
- Wednesday 3rd July – 16:45 (17:00 start) – 20:30: Tiverton Hotel

More details will follow. Here is the link to Early Help Info: <https://www.dcfp.org.uk/early-help>



### Plymouth Music Zone Sensory Sounds

Tuesday's 4pm-5pm, £3 per session. Plymouth Music Zone Sensory Sounds Music making activities for children aged 4-16 years with PMLD, ASD/SEN, term times only. To be eligible to access, your child should have a diagnosis of a disability and attend a special school or Support Centre or attend a mainstream school and have a severe or moderate learning disability with ASD or a complex physical disability.

For more information and to book, please call Glyn on 01752 213690 or email

[info@plymouthmusiczone.org.uk](mailto:info@plymouthmusiczone.org.uk)



### Whizz Kidz Ambassador Club

First Sunday of month, 11.30am-5pm. Whizz Kidz is a free youth group for wheelchair users aged 8-25 years and meets at Plymouth Life Centre on the first Sunday of each month. For more information please contact Sally on 07867

124901 or via email: [s.ellis@whizz-kidz.org.uk](mailto:s.ellis@whizz-kidz.org.uk)



### Bis-net - Supporting a Young Person with Challenging Behaviour [Exeter]

Thursday 4th July from 09:30 continuing on Friday 5th July 14:30 at Jubilee Club, 4 Main Road, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 8HS

A two day workshop for parents & professionals, aimed at anybody supporting a young person who is at risk or displaying socially isolating, challenging or aggressive behaviours.

The techniques covered in this course can be applied to both younger children and teenagers. Time will be spent allowing parents to adapt the principals to their particular child's needs. A diagnosis is not required to attend this course as the techniques are designed to be supportive for all and a wide range is covered to allow parents to hand pick those that are most appropriate. To book a place, go

to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-a-young-person-with-challenging-behaviour-exeter-tickets-59834145540>

**Eventbrite** **Making Homes Healthier - Help with home improvements and adaptations.**  
Wednesday 26th June 2019, 1.30pm until 4.00pm, Matford Centre, Matford Park Road, Exeter, EX2 8FD

This event offers an overview of the different funding opportunities that are currently available to assist tenants with property improvements and adaptations.

It will focus on what loans and grants are currently available, who can apply, what they can deliver and how to access them.

Presentations to include:

Healthy Homes Project and financial support for the vulnerable and the fuel poor

Disabled Facilities Grants

Improving Energy Efficiency

Home Improvement Loans

Active Lifestyles

To book a place click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/making-homes-healthier-help-with-home-improvements-and-adaptions-june-2019-tickets-59854054087>

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