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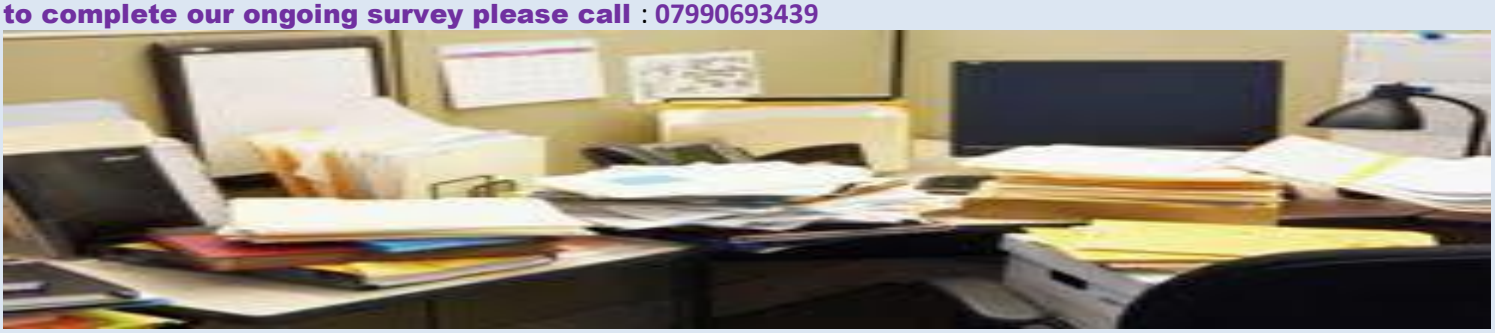
Special Voices - Parent/Carer Forum for Slough

Special Voices have reached another successful financial year with over one hundred events plus community, social & school events, too many to mention. We normally roll into the next financial year without any gaps or breaks, only this year we have decided to do it differently. We have had such a busy year & with the Easter holidays we have taken the decision to have a few weeks revamping our office & playing catch up on all the paperwork & donations together, many hands make light work as they say. We remain committed to collecting your views & experiences of services in Slough that our children/young people/adults with additional needs use, making your voice heard, completing our reports where you have filled in our many surveys, sticky notes, or coloured in clothes for our priority washing line. What does this mean, well, our office will be closed for a few weeks & we will not be holding our April virtual coffee evening but our legal coffee day(below) will go ahead as planned & we look forward to welcoming you on the day. We hope to have completed all our tasks in time for the May coffee day but will keep you informed. The telephone will remain open as usual so if you have any questions, need information, or wish to complete our ongoing survey please call : 07990693439



If we can get our desk as clear as this one, we are doing well

Coffee Day – Thursday 10th April with guests @10am

Cippenham Baptist Church Hall. 11 Elmshott Lane. SL1 5QS

An entertaining and informative talk from the CO OP estate planning team, whose focus is on access to legal information and guidance, breaking down the barriers presented by traditional law firms. They are able to provide insight to some important legal issues many of us may face such as Power of Attorney, Protecting your home & savings, Wills, Inheritance Tax, Sideways disinheritance Tax & much more in a light-hearted and jargon-free manner plus question & answer session. Drop in anytime between 10 – 1pm Free gift bag, free Tombola, free parking on site & surrounding area

Introduction

Ofsted inspects education services in England, like schools and nurseries. They also look at children's social care and the support available for children and young people with SEND.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspects health and adult social care services in England, like hospitals and care homes.

Ofsted and CQC work together to inspect education, health and care services for children with SEND in a local area, to make sure they are effective. This is called an area SEND inspection.

Local area partnerships are made up of those in education, health and care who are responsible for planning, commissioning, managing, delivering and evaluating support for children and young people with SEND who live in a local area.

Local area partnerships use the information from the inspections to improve services for children and young people with SEND. The inspections also provide information for children and young people with SEND and their families, to help them make decisions about their education, health and care.

What happens during an area SEND inspection

They explain how they will carry out inspections in more detail in their inspection framework and handbook.

During the inspection, inspectors will gather evidence about how effective provision is for children and young people with SEND in the local area. They will also evaluate how well the local authority commissions and oversees alternative provision.

Inspectors will evaluate the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25 who are covered by the SEND code of practice, whether or not they have an education, health and care plan. This includes children and young people who live in the local authority area but are educated or receive social care in other local authority areas.

Inspectors will look at information from the local area partnership about the services it provides for children and young people with SEND. They will also talk directly to children and young people and families to understand their experiences. Inspectors will meet the local area's parent carer forum (PCF) and may also meet other groups that represent families.

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