

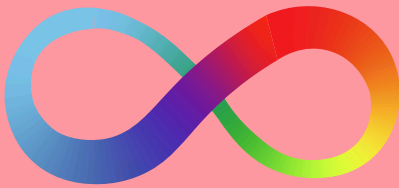
MCT DURHAM PCF EASTER 2026 NEWSLETTER



MCT Durham PCF wish you and your family a very Happy Easter. We hope you have an egg-cellent time!



APRIL IS WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH.



The theme for 2026 is **INCLUSION**,



SEND REFORMS "EVERY CHILD ACHIEVING AND THRIVING" WHITE PAPER

On 23rd February the Department for Education released their SEND reforms plan white paper.

A central pillar of the paper is the reform of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) support, which prioritises early intervention through digital Individual Support Plans (ISPs) that don't require a formal diagnosis.

They propose a "Tiered Support Model":

- Universal: High-quality adaptive teaching in every classroom.
 - Targeted: Small group interventions (e.g speech and language).
 - Targeted Plus: Support from external "Experts at Hand" (educational psychologists, therapists).
 - Specialist: Reserved for the most complex needs via reformed EHCPs.
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- Goal to halve the gap between low-income pupils and their peers.
 - Workforce Recruitment of 6,500 more expert teachers and new training entitlements.
 - Goal for 75% of five-year-olds reaching a "good level of development" by 2028.

Google "easy read
SEND white paper"
for more info.

They state the new plan focuses on the "Whole Child"—ensuring your children are not only successful students but also happy, healthy, and confident individuals.

However, there are some concerns and uncertainties regarding certain aspects of the reforms and their possible adverse effects on children and young people with SEND.



The government's consultation ends on 18th May. MCT hope to arrange some workshops to discuss & obtain feedback from Parent Carers in the Durham Local Authority area.





NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARENT CARER FORUMS CONFERENCE 2026.

In February, 2 MCT steering group members went to Sheffield for the National Parent Carer Forum Conference. The event is an opportunity for forums to come together along with partners in the sector, to celebrate the power of parent carer participation and the vital role of forums and the NNPCF in representing parent voices across England. There was over 200 attendees, with 177 parent carers in attendance representing 97 parent carer forums.



MCT MARCH PARENT CARER WORKSHOPS.

In March we held 4 parent carer workshops:

- Advocating for your child with Choice Wellbeing.
- Makaton Taster session with Lauren Young.
- Stress Awareness Toolbox with Wellbeing for life.
- Finding your families regulation rhythm with Therapeeze.



They all received amazing feedback. Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope to do more workshops later in the year.

SENDIASS NEURODEVELOPMENTAL ROADSHOWS

MCT have attended EVERY local SENDIASS Neurodevelopmental Roadshow this year. There are several coming up including virtual ones in June and a large celebration event at Durham County Cricket ground in October. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more info.



SHAPING SERVICES TOGETHER FOR FAMILIES OF UNDER 25 YEAR OLDS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND / OR DISABILITIES IN COUNTY DURHAM.





MCT PARENT CARER CONFERENCE AT RAMSIDE HALL, DURHAM



Wednesday 6th May 2026



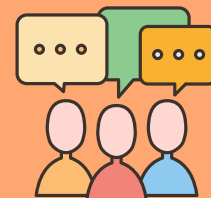
10am - 2.30pm OR 6pm - 8pm.



Booking now open!



Find more information & details on how to book a place on the news section of our website or facebook page.



SENDSATIONAL AWARDS AT REDWORTH HALL.

On 7th March, 6 MCT steering group members & Ted attended Little SENDsations "SENDSational awards" gala as we were nominated for the "Bridging the Gap" award. We didn't win but were honoured to be finalists. We all had an amazing evening and want to thank everyone involved.



COMING SOON!

- White paper workshops ~ TBC
- Carers week ~ 8th-14th June
- MCT AGM ~ 8th July.
- Workshops ~ TBC
- Range of other events ~ TBC



Email us to join our email mailing list & get the latest news & events first.

Lots of info on our Facebook page too

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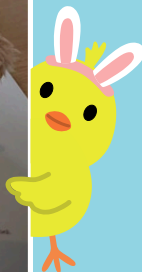
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A guide to
ADHD
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Based upon feedback from our parent carers.

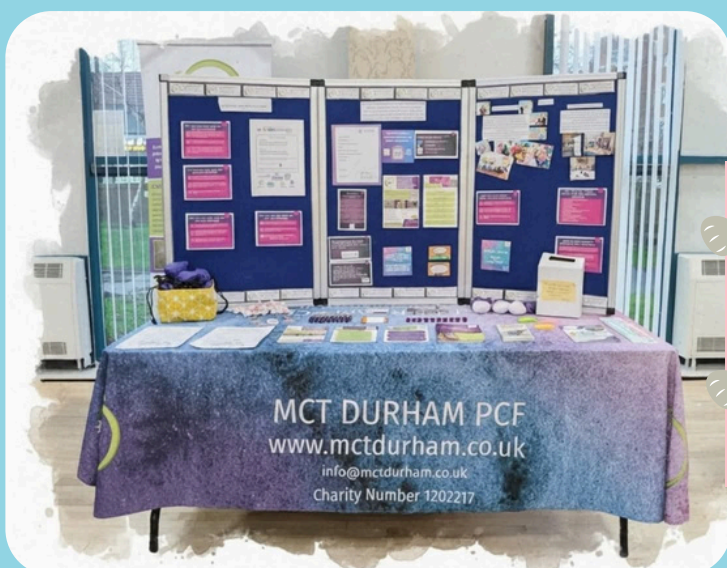
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