



A Different Journey

The best life from the start

SEND Conference
Thursday 14 March 2024

Hertfordshire Development Centre
Robertson House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage SG1 2FQ



Sponsored by NHS England



In partnership with



Important Conference Information

Your ticket includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

For WiFi, please connect to the Hertfordshire County Council public network.

Join the conversation using **#IHVSEND2024** when posting to social media during the conference.

Your certificate of attendance and CPD record will be available for you to download once you have completed our post-conference survey. Please complete our event survey so that we can continue to improve the conferences we provide - you will receive the link to the survey straight after the conference and it is also available to access via QR code on page 10.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: We will be live streaming, filming and taking photographs to capture the event - if you don't wish to be photographed, then let us know and we'll make sure that you're not in any of the photos/film footage that we may use in future iHV marketing, publications and resources.

The Nursing Times will be attending our conference to provide media coverage.

For any queries or assistance throughout the day, please contact any of our iHV team who are easily identifiable by a pink lanyard.

Conference Aim:

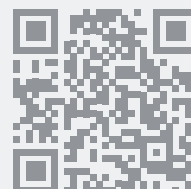
To integrate the best research evidence with clinical expertise and parent/carer experiences, to improve health outcomes for babies and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The conference aims to equip attendees with new knowledge and skills to support babies and young children with SEND, with a focus on early identification of need to support early intervention.

Learning Objectives for Conference Participants:

- To hear and learn the latest national policy, evidence and research on key SEND priorities for babies, children, and their families, with recommendations for practice.
- To be equipped with new knowledge and skills to support babies and young children with SEND, with a focus on early identification of need, early support, and the reduction of inequalities in access and outcomes.
- To explore ways of improving population health by building place-based partnerships, working with local communities, and strengthening diversity and inclusion.
- To hear and learn from cutting-edge researchers, national and local experts, and parents/carers/those with lived experience of SEND.
- To gain insight into how integrated working across agencies can support local system planning to improve the health and life chances of babies and children with SEND.
- To gain CPD points to support NMC revalidation.
- To have networking opportunities with peers to further develop relationships and share best practice.

Donate to the iHV

The iHV is a charity established to improve health and reduce inequalities for babies, children and families through a strengthened health visiting service. We do not make a profit from our conferences and subsidise our ticket prices to ensure as many people as possible are able to attend. If you would like to financially support our mission and help us to keep advocating for babies, children and families, and the health visiting service that supports them, please scan the QR code to make a donation.



Alison Morton

CEO Institute of Health Visiting



Welcome!

I am delighted to welcome you to our first national SEND conference focused on ensuring that all children have the very best life from the start – wherever they live, and regardless of their diagnosis, disability or special educational needs. Thanks to support from NHS England and Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust, this conference brings together people from all four corners of the UK, who are united in their shared determination and work to improve the life chances of babies and young children with SEND. I hope that you will find lots of inspiration, practical ideas, sound evidence and encouragement from the wide range of keynote speakers and concurrent sessions - as well as opportunities to make connections and share ideas with colleagues working in different areas.

We want babies and young children with disabilities or special educational needs to achieve their full potential and have full, happy and healthy childhoods. Their lives may take a different journey - ensuring that they can flourish in an inclusive society is everyone's business. We also want parents of disabled children to be parents first – to get the right tailored support when they need it - and to be able to get on with their lives like every other family.

There is no denying that the last few years have been challenging for many families who face a postcode lottery of SEND support based on where they live, rather than their level of need. Despite numerous workforce and funding challenges, practitioners across the UK have continued to support growing numbers of children with SEND and their families. Collaboration has been key to success - working together across multi-disciplinary teams, making best use of the resources that you have and celebrating the small steps that can make a big difference. Thank you for all your efforts to improve the lives of so many babies and young children.

Yet much more needs to be done to improve the quality of care, accountability and consistency of SEND support across the UK. That's why it's so important that we meet together, to shine a spotlight on the very best of SEND

practice, innovation, policy and research. Whether you are a front-line practitioner, in a leadership position, a commissioner, a researcher, or a policy-maker, everyone has a part to play in advancing SEND provision across the UK.

Our 'A different journey' conference is aimed at all practitioners working with families with children with SEND in the earliest years. We hope that the packed agenda contains something for everyone and covers a breadth of important SEND topics. We are also focused on strengthening health visiting's contribution as an important part of an integrated SEND pathway. Health visitors play a crucial role in the early identification of children with atypical development or conditions likely to result in disability. The health visiting service is unique in that it reaches more families with babies and young children than any other service, providing a vital safety-net for all families. It is often the first point of contact for families who have concerns about the way that their child is developing. Early identification of concerns is important to support prompt diagnosis and tailored support. This includes supporting parents through the process of adjustment when they receive "different news" and the complex maze of services that can be confusing and difficult to navigate. We know that getting the right support can make a big difference.

We also have a fantastic exhibition for you to enjoy during the break times today, with a wide variety of interesting exhibitors. Come and speak to the iHV team at our exhibition stands to learn more about our work. If you are not an iHV member already, do consider joining us. Alongside membership for health visitors, we offer a range of CPD opportunities and member benefits to others working in public health and supporting families in the earliest years.

With very best wishes



Alison Morton
iHV CEO

Programme

We have a fantastic line-up of high-profile national speakers who will be presenting on the current national SEND priorities and ambitions to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for babies and young children with SEND. Our conference programme encompasses evidence-based practice and the latest research on a wide range of SEND topics from experts in their field.



Scan the QR code to learn more.

(●) Session being live streamed and recorded

Time	Session
08:30 - 09:10	Registration, welcome refreshments and exhibition
09:10 - 09:30	Sponsor Breakfast Session - NHS England - Reducing Restrictive Practices Leanne Gelder Specialist Advisor of Quality Improvement & Reducing Restrictive Practice Lead Leanne and her colleagues from NHS England will be sharing their national work on least restrictive practices, including women who have experienced restrictive interventions during pregnancy.
09:30 - 11:30	Keynote Session 1: SEND is Everyone's Business (●) 📍 Oak Room
09:30 - 09:35	Welcome from the chair and opening remarks Alison Morton CEO, Institute of Health Visiting
09:35 - 09:55	Health Visitors and the SEND Landscape- looking into the horizon Kirsty Jacques Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Nikki Freeman Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust
09:55 - 10:15	Supporting neurodivergent parents – what you need to know and how to help Alexis Quinn Lived experience of autistic pregnancy and mother of neurodivergent children
10:15 - 10:35	Integrating care for children and young people with SEND Professor Simon Kenny OBE National Clinical Director for Children and Young People, NHS England
10:35 - 10:55	Q&A
10:55 - 11:20	Break: Exhibition, refreshments, and networking
11:20 - 12:30	Concurrent Sessions <i>Please follow information on room location for your chosen concurrent session</i>
11:20 - 12:30	Safeguarding is Everyone's Business (●) 📍 Oak Room
Session 1	Safeguarding children with special educational needs & disabilities Kenny Gibson MBE Deputy Director for NHS Safeguarding
	Learning from National Reviews Jenny Coles National Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel
	Safeguarding Children Exposed to Prenatal Alcohol Dr Inyang Takon Consultant Paediatrician
	Q&A
11:20 - 12:30	Understanding Cerebral Palsy 📍 Beech Room
Session 2	Early identification and intervention for children with or at risk of cerebral palsy Pilar Cloud CEO, Action Cerebral Palsy
	Building Happiness out of Trauma Marie Stanley Senior Bobath Tutor, Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist and Training Lead, The National Bobath Cerebral Palsy Centre
	Q&A

Time	Session
11:20 - 12:30	Supporting a Child with Cleft 📍 Chestnut Room Supporting families following the diagnosis of a cleft lip and/or palate Helen Moreland Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist, SPIRES Cleft Team, Oxford & Salisbury NHS Foundation Trusts How Speech and Language Therapists support children with cleft palate to develop communication Rachel Olivier Specialist Speech and Language Therapist - Cleft and Selective Mutism, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Health Visiting support for a child and family following the diagnosis of a cleft lip and palate Pritrica Webber Health Visitor, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Q&A
12:30 - 13:20	Lunch break and exhibition
13:20 - 14:30	Concurrent Sessions Please follow information on room location for your chosen concurrent session
13:20 - 14:30	Neurodiversity in the Early Years (🗣️) 📍 Oak Room Supporting your neurodiverse child: The importance of early intervention Jo Harrison Director (East of England Representative), National Network of Parent Carer Forums C.I.C. Practical approaches to supporting a family whilst waiting for a diagnosis Charlotte Wilson Specialist Trainer, Empowering Parents Empowering Communities, South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust Q&A
13:20 - 14:30	Understanding Down Syndrome 📍 Beech Room The lived experience: parenting a child with Down syndrome Nicola Enoch CEO, Down Syndrome UK Step by Step – a toilet skill development programme June Rogers MBE Independent Practitioner & Consultant, Down Syndrome UK Working as a newly qualified health visitor supporting a child with Down syndrome Lucy Tomlinson Health Visitor, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Q&A
13:20 - 14:30	Enhancing Communication for all 📍 Chestnut Room FOLLOW and JOIN! Practical strategies to support language and communication development in neurodiversity-affirming ways Cathy Gough & Laura Black Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapists in Early Years, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Changing Conversations Mellissa Mackell Service Manager, KIDS Challenging Conversations: having a 'difficult conversation' with a parent Jeannette Parker Health Visitor, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust Q&A
14:30 - 14:45	Break and exhibition

Time	Session
14:45 - 16:10	Keynote Session 2: The Future Is Bright (📍) 📍 Oak Room
14:45 - 14:50	Welcome back Alison Morton CEO, Institute of Health Visiting
14:50 - 15:10	Every Atom of You: raising a child with Down syndrome Chris Read Expert by lived experience
15:10 - 15:30	Underserved, unheard, falling through the gaps Professor Monica Lakharpaul Professor of Integrated Community Child Health Population, Policy & Practice Dept, UCL GOS Institute of Child Health
15:30 - 15:50	Children and SEND: the current landscape for children with SEND in England Dame Rachel de Souza Children’s Commissioner
15:50 - 16:10	Q&A
16:10 - 16:15	Close
16:30 - 17:30	iHV SEND Special Interest Group – In-person Networking Event 📍 Hawthorn Room <i>A fantastic face-to-face opportunity for you to network and explore best practices for supporting babies and children with SEND</i>

Opportunities to ask questions

Whether you’re joining online, or in-person, use Slido to post your questions to our speakers. You can also vote for the questions that you most want answered. If you are here in person, you can use Slido or revert to the ‘old fashioned’ method of raising your hand.

Join the conversation by scanning the QR code.



Resources to support you

The iHV recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually strive to improve our environmental performance which is an integral part of our business plan and objectives.

At this year’s conference, printing will be kept to a minimum. All conference details will be available on our website. We have created a QR code which will take you to our iHV resources. **Scan the QR code above to access.**

To support your continuous professional development after the conference, we have collated a list of iHV resources that are relevant to the topics presented today. iHV members have full access to all iHV resources. Non-members have access to ‘open access’ resources only. Alongside membership for health visitors, we offer a range of CPD opportunities and member benefits to others working in public health and supporting families in the earliest years. To find out more about membership, see page 13.



Keynote speakers

Through keynote presentations, discussions and concurrent sessions, we will explore the current national SEND priorities and ambitions to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities for babies and young children with SEND. We are privileged to be joined by such eminent speakers.

Leanne Gelder

Specialist Advisor of Quality Improvement, Reducing Restrictive Practice Lead, National Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Quality Transformation Programme, NHS England



Leanne and her colleagues from NHS England will provide an overview of:

- The work of the national NHSE Quality Transformation Programme across Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism services.
- The inequalities often experienced by children with SEND and the increased likeliness of them being subjected to restrictive practices.
- A lived experience perspective focusing on the life course (including pregnancy) through a neurodiverse lens.

Alexis Quinn @AQuinnUnbroken

Expert by lived experience

Lived experience of autistic pregnancy and mother of neurodivergent children



Alexis Quinn is a former schoolteacher, professional athlete and author of two books: her ground-breaking memoir, *Unbroken*, and *Autistic & Expecting*, a guide for autistic parents-to-be and those supporting them.

Alexis speaks on neurodivergence, autistic pregnancy, trauma, and mental wellbeing. She works as Manager of the Restraint Reduction Network, is a mother to two neurodivergent children and is finishing an MSc in Psychotherapy at the University of Greenwich.

Kirsty Jacques @KirstyJ61574954

Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust



Kirsty qualified as a midwife in 2012 before commencing her career as a health visitor in 2014. Since June 2021, Kirsty has been a Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND in Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust and has been the iHV expert advisor for SEND since September 2022.

As a Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND, Kirsty is involved in developing processes and pathways, delivering training, and supporting the Public Health Nursing 0-5 years' service to provide SEND provision.

Kirsty is passionate about early recognition and intervention to improve outcomes for children with SEND and working in partnership with other agencies.

Nikki Freeman

Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust



Beginning her nursing career in 2013, training as a children's nurse at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Nikki commenced her SCPHN in 2016 before joining Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust in 2017, and becoming a Health Visitor Clinical Lead for SEND in June 2021.

In this role, Nikki has been involved in developing SEND processes, pathways, and delivering training and support for the Public Health Nursing 0-5 years' service SEND provision. Nikki has been an iHV expert advisor for SEND since September 2022.

Nikki's passion continues to be providing the right support at the right time to improve outcomes through early recognition and intervention.

Professor Simon Kenny OBE @simonkenny14

National Clinical Director for Children and Young People
NHS England



Professor Simon Kenny is a paediatric and neonatal surgeon at Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. As Clinical Director, he played a key role in delivering Alder Hey's strategic plan to become a world-leading children's hospital including moving to the multiple award-winning new hospital Alder Hey in the Park. Since 2017, Simon has been the national clinical lead for paediatric surgery in the GIRFT programme.

In 2019, Simon was appointed as National Clinical Director for Children and Young People and Chair of the Women's and Children's Specialised Commissioning Programme of Care within NHS England.

He was awarded an OBE for services to Paediatric Surgery in the King's New Year's Honours List 2024.

Chris Read @chrisreadmusic

Lived experience of father to a child with Down syndrome, songwriter and half of musical-comedy duo 'Harry and Chris'



Chris is a songwriter, producer, and father of three. When his son Theo was born, Chris wrote the song "Every Atom of You" about the blessing of his Down syndrome and their journey as a family navigating his diagnosis.

Chris Read has written songs for Netflix, The CW Television Network, and Audible. As half of musical-comedy duo 'Harry and Chris', he wrote and performed for Sky's The Russell Howard Hour, and NBC's 'Bring The Funny'. The duo also wrote and performed multiple times for BBC Radio 2, 3 and 4, and wrote and toured four full-length musical comedy shows.

Professor Monica Lakhanpaul @ProfLakhanpaul

Professor of Integrated Community Child Health
Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, University College London



Professor Monica Lakhanpaul is Professor of Integrated Community Child Health at UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health and an academic, clinician, science communicator and poet. She is also a Consultant Paediatrician at Whittington NHS Trust, PPI lead for the Great Ormond Street Biomedical Research Centre, and Global Strategic Academic Advisor (India).

Professor Lakhanpaul focuses on using collaborative, participatory research methods incorporating the arts at the intersections of health, education and the environment in order to optimise the health and wellbeing of children, adolescents and families affected by social and structural inequalities with the aim of influencing practice and policy.

Dame Rachel de Souza @ChildrensComm

Children's Commissioner for England



Dame Rachel was appointed Children's Commissioner in 2021. In this role she has unique legislative powers, is an advocate for children across the country, and represents children's needs across Government.

In role, Dame Rachel has completed the largest-ever survey of children 'The Big Ask' with over half-a-million responses. This work led to a commission from the Government to look at representing children's voices in the Online Safety Bill, an ongoing piece of work to drive up Attendance in schools, and was asked to complete the Family Review by the Government.

Concurrent session speakers

Our concurrent speakers will be sharing their latest research and innovations across a range of hot topics and you will have the chance to discuss the challenges and opportunities with the experts. The numbers below correspond to the sessions our speakers will be presenting in, as listed in the programme on pages 4-5. Scan the QR code to learn more about our concurrent session speakers.



1 **Kenny Gibson MBE**
Deputy Director
NHS Safeguarding

1 **Jenny Coles**
National Child Safeguarding
Practice Review Panel

1 **Dr Inyang Takon**
Consultant Community
Paediatrician

2 **Pilar Cloud**
CEO
Action Cerebral Palsy

2 **Marie Stanley**
Senior Bobath Tutor, MCSP,
The Bobath Centre

3 **Helen Moreland**
Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist,
SPIRES Cleft Team (Oxford and
Salisbury NHS Foundation Trusts)

3 **Rachel Olivier**
Specialist Speech and Language
Therapist - Cleft and Selective Mutism
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

3 **Pritrica Webber**
Health Visitor
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

4 **Jo Harrison**
Director
(East of England Representative)
National Network of Parent Carer
Forums C.I.C.

4 **Charlotte Wilson**
Specialist Trainer, Empowering
Parents Empowering Communities
South London & Maudsley NHS
Foundation Trust

5 **Nicola Enoch**
CEO and
Expert by lived experience
Down Syndrome UK

5 **June Rogers MBE**
Independent Practitioner &
Consultant
Down Syndrome UK



5

Lucy Tomlinson

Health Visitor
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust



6

Cathy Gough

Highly Specialist Speech and
Language Therapist in Early Years
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust



6

Laura Black

Highly Specialist Speech and
Language Therapist in Early Years
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust



6

Mellissa Mackell

Service Manager
KIDS



6

Jeannette Parker

Health Visitor
Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Post-conference evaluation and certificate of attendance

We hope that you really enjoy our SEND Conference. Your feedback is so important to us and it helps us to shape and improve our future conferences.

Please tell us what you think by completing the evaluation survey. Use the QR code, or the link in the email that we will send you after the conference.

Once you have completed the evaluation survey, your certificate of attendance and CPD points will be available for you to download. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email: events@ihv.org.uk



Enter our raffle!

Delegates will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw.

Our prize draw gives you the chance to win:

One free conference ticket and an optional second half-price ticket
(valid until Dec 2024)

A £30 gift voucher from National Book Tokens

To enter, delegates will need to use their stamp cards (found in the delegates' packs), visit each of our exhibitors and sponsors to get a stamp and then drop their completed card into the iHV Letterbox!

The prize draw will be made at the end of the conference.



Our Sponsor

We are delighted that NHS England is sponsoring this year's iHV SEND Conference. Join their breakfast session in the Oak Room at 9:10am, and visit their stand in the exhibition area to find out more about the work they are doing.

The NHS Long Term Plan has set out an ambitious programme to transform mental health services for people with a learning disability and autistic people, with a focus on improving community services and being less dependent on inpatient care. The NHS England Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Inpatient Quality Transformation Programme works to improve the quality of inpatient services for children and young people and adults with a learning disability or who are autistic.



NHS Long Term Plan



Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Inpatient Quality Transformation Programme

Reducing restrictive practice resources

We have produced two resources for adults and children with a learning disability, autistic adults and children, the staff who support them and their families to inform and empower people to speak up about restrictive practice.

Both resources have been co-produced and piloted with people with lived experience of restrictive practice in hospital settings and professionals.

The resources take a human rights approach and aim to help people understand their restrictions and be more involved in developing least restrictive options. They also include information about who to speak to if there are any concerns about the way restrictions are used.

The **'What are restrictive practices?'** easy read booklet is designed for autistic adults and adults with a learning disability. It includes information about different kinds of restrictive practice and why they may be used.



The **'My Rights'** magazine – (pdf, version to print and guidance) is designed for young people. It is written in plain English and in a style that allows young people to easily turn to the topic they need and to personalise it through writing and doodles. It includes information about rights, types of restrictive practice, real stories and top tips from young people about ways to speak up.



The iHV only works with partner organisations whose goals, values and actions align with our own to improve health and/or reduce inequalities. The iHV undertakes ethical reviews for all commercial and partner organisations, exhibitors and sponsors to ensure there are no conflicts of interest. Our sponsors have no input to the agenda or content of the conference, other than providing a sponsor session as described in the programme.



Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) is an integral part of the health and care system in Hertfordshire and is the proud provider of the Public Health Service; Health Visiting and School Nursing.

Our vision is to put patients and their families, and carers, at the heart of what we do and to provide outstanding services and improving health and wellbeing in the communities we serve.

Within the Health Visiting service, our aim is to provide all families and children with SEND a consistent, high quality, and evidenced-based service which will empower our families.

Within the last 28 months, our SEND Health Visitor Clinical Leads have had a positive impact on our service provision and of the quality of care delivered across Hertfordshire.

HCT is very proud to be working in partnership with the iHV to present the SEND Conference which demonstrates a commitment and drive to deliver quality SEND services within the Public Health Nursing team.

www.hct.nhs.uk

Save the date - 3 July 2024

Join us for our Evidence-based Practice Conference

This year's EBP conference will focus on addressing health inequalities, a topic that has never been more poignant, with more babies and children experiencing poorer outcomes and living in poverty than ever before. How can we ensure a healthier future, where all babies and children can thrive? How can we use the best available evidence and research to reduce health inequalities and strengthen health visiting practice?



Our conference will provide a platform for local, national, and international experts and speakers to come together and share excellence in health visiting practice, innovation and the latest research to address health inequalities.



A Healthier Future



Wednesday 3 July 2024



Manchester | King's House Conference Centre



Hybrid Conference

Benefits of iHV Membership

Membership of the iHV brings health visitors, and practitioners working in health visiting teams, together as a professional community. By working together with you, we aim to improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities for babies, children, families and communities through a strengthened health visiting service.

Being an iHV member provides opportunities to participate in UK-wide developments. Members receive our monthly electronic newsletter, **iHV Times**, which contains the latest news, evidence, reports, briefings and other relevant resources and opportunities to support health visiting practice.



Increased Professionalism

- Membership of a large, vibrant and rapidly-growing community of health visitors
- Opportunity to participate in our developments
- Opportunity to join a working group in specialist areas
- Link to national work and opportunity to influence policy and practice



Networking Events

- Run exclusively for iHV members
- Meet and collaborate with colleagues across the UK
- Share your experiences and learning from practice
- Keep informed about our workstreams and the national direction



Our Website

- Access the latest tools, guidance and evidence-based materials
- Instant access to member-only iHV resources including Good Practice Points
- Comprehensive A-Z of resources
- Dedicated mental health section with resources



Member Offers

- Discounts (including priority booking) to iHV conferences on key topics
- Discounts to attend our award-winning training programmes
- Priority free-access to grant-funded training
- Tax relief on your subscriptions (for individual members only)



iHV Insights

- Run exclusively for iHV members
- Regular one-hour webinars on key HV topics
- Add to your CPD record
- Interactive live sessions with Q&A
- Access recordings, slides and supporting resources after the event

The iHV Corporate membership scheme

is designed to help employer organisations ensure that their entire health visitor workforce has access to all iHV membership benefits, plus access to project-funded training, iHV presentations at HV service staff meetings/forums/events. iHV Corporate membership is a popular health visitor recruitment and retention incentive.

#TeamiHV is on hand to support members with any issues, whether it be logging in, locating a resource or answering enquiries - our members are always our priority! Contact: admin@ihv.org.uk

**Not a member?
Join today and receive a free
iHV notebook*!**

*Free gift offer valid to new members only who sign up today - please visit the iHV Membership stand at today's conference.



Our Exhibitors

Scan the QR code to find out more about who is exhibiting.



Guide Dogs doesn't just provide guide dog partnerships. We have a whole range of services, information and advice that can support people with sight loss, at whatever age or stage of their condition, and whatever they want to achieve.

By providing key interventions at the earliest Stage Guide Dogs strives to ensure that children with a visual impairment, including those with additional needs, achieve key developmental milestones. Supporting children and their families to achieve the outcomes that matter to them.

 www.guidedogs.org.uk  @GuideDogs   @GuideDogsUK

Shine is a registered charity, which was formed in 1966, initially to help families and individuals affected by spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

Today, Shine is a community of 75,000 individuals, families, friends, and professionals, sharing achievements, challenges and information on living with hydrocephalus, or spina bifida, and related issues. Working together throughout England, Wales and Northern Ireland, we strive to overcome challenges and achieve the best for you and your family.



 www.shinecharity.org.uk  @ShineUKCharity






Positive about Down syndrome (PADS) is a proactive parent-led national charity with a vision to see society value people with Down syndrome as equal members of society. We are passionate about educating and empowering parents, professionals, policymakers, parliamentarians, and the public to improve the lives of those with Down syndrome and their families.

We work extensively in maternity care and the early years, supporting parents with practical information and meaningful support.

 www.downsyndromeuk.co.uk  @positiveaboutDS
 @PositiveaboutDownSyndrome  @positive_about_down_syndrome

Action Cerebral Palsy is a registered charity working to improve public, professional and political awareness of the issues facing children and young people with cerebral palsy. Our aim is to ensure that every child and young person in the UK with cerebral palsy has access to the best possible intervention, care, education and support to meet their complex and changing needs. We have recently sponsored the first-ever All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cerebral Palsy and launched a public awareness campaign, entitled If In Doubt, Check It Out, about the early warning signs of cerebral palsy.



 www.actioncp.org
 @action_cp  @actioncerebralpalsy

designability

 www.designability.org.uk/assistive-solutions/wizybug/

   @DesignabilityUK

The charity Designability provide Wizzybugs free of charge to families across the UK on loan. Wizzybug is a fun, innovative power chair designed specifically for children from 14 months to increase their independence, social participation and fun! It grows with the child and is suitable for indoor/outdoor and off-road use. Wizzybug is for children with good head control who have a condition that affects their mobility. Families can apply direct online by completing the application form on our website.

Playskill supports pre-school children in Hertfordshire with physical delays and disabilities to develop their communication, movement and key life skills. We do this through free therapeutic play sessions, alongside training, advice and support for families.

At our weekly specialist playgroups in Watford and Hemel Hempstead, we provide tailored physiotherapy, occupational and speech and language therapy.

Playskill also offers specialist training and one to one advice to support parents as they navigate health, education & financial services. Plus an all-important network of parents and carers, including social events.



 www.playskill.org

 @playskill.org



Essex Family Forum (EFF) is a Parent Carer Forum. Parent Carer Forums aim to ensure the services in their area meet the needs and improve outcomes of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

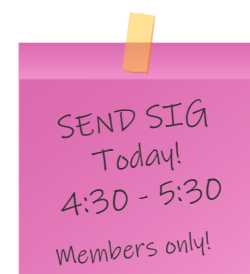
EFF is proud to promote "Supporting your neurodiverse child", which is full of useful information for families with a neurodiverse child, written for parents by parents.

 www.essexfamilyforum.org/resources/nd-pack  @essexfamilyforum

SEND Specialist Interest Group (SIG)

The aim of the SEND Specialist Interest Group (SIG) is to build a national network of health visitors in a SEND role, or health visitors with a strong interest in SEND, to improve health visiting services for families. The group will provide a forum to share best practice, pathways, policies, new ideas, even creating a national initiative. Through working together as a group, the SIG could really make change happen. These shared ideas will benefit children with SEND and their families in reducing inequalities and improving outcomes.

We are excited to be hosting our second SIG at our conference today between 16:30 and 17:30. This is an exclusive membership only event. We welcome new members to join us as we grow this community – you can join our SEND SIG today at the iHV exhibition membership stand.





Institute of Health Visiting

A Registered Charity Number 1149745

c/o Royal Society for Public Health, John Snow House, 59 Mansell Street, London E1 8AN

Telephone: +44 (0) 207 265 7352 | Email: events@ihv.org.uk

www.ihv.org.uk