

### Parent/Carer Event Invite

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – 12pm – 1.45pm**

Some of you may be aware that the City Council is reviewing all its structures across the Council to provide a more efficient service. Within the area of SEND we have started the process of identifying what works and what we need to do to improve our service. Critical to this will be gathering the views of children and young people with disabilities and their families and over the next 3-4 months we would like to hear from you to inform this.

We have initially arranged for a session to be held at Mencap on 15<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm with the SEND management team within the Local Authority attending. This will provide the opportunity for us to hear your views and for us to answer any questions. Our intention after the summer holidays is to run similar sessions, attend parent group meetings, gather feedback from children and young people and send out a questionnaire.

As many of you will be aware both the City Council and SEND has been subject to a number of pressures over the last few years and within SEND service we do acknowledge that there are a number of areas we need to improve upon, not least the involvement of children, young people and their families.

**Where:** **Southampton Mencap**  
187a Portswood Road  
Southampton  
SO17 2NF

**When:** **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July: 12pm – 1.45pm**  
Agenda:  
12pm Welcome and Buffet Lunch  
12.30pm Presentation by Service Manager  
12.45pm 1.45pm Parent Feedback and Question and Answers

**RSVP:** **Please help us plan accordingly by confirming your attendance using the details below:**

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We hope you have a great summer and look forward to meeting you.

Service Manager (SEND) – Simon McKenzie  
SEN Team Manager – Kalvinder Garewal  
Jigsaw Team Manager (Joint Health/ Local Authority) – Teresa Jones  
Development Manager (SEND) – Tammy Marks

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