

Newsletter



Happy October everyone! We hope that the children have settled into the new school year well and are looking forward to the half term! In this issue we will be discussing our new service here in Wandsworth and how we can support you and your family!

Welcome!

SEND in Mind are the new providers for Wandsworth's SEND Family Support Service. We are working in partnership with Wandsworth Local Offer to promote our service and since starting on September 1st have already met so many of you! We are so excited to welcome all of you to our support here at SEND in Mind and continue building relationships with families around Wandsworth with the aim of assessing the needs of families and providing when needed.

Our service aim is to support families with children who have SEND needs (0-19 years old) regarding issues related to the health, education, and overall wellbeing of your child.

As each family is unique our team strives to provide flexible and responsive support. Whether you require workshops targeting positive behaviour for your child, help with applications or any other concern, we will support you and your families with ever changing needs.



We have a great team of family support workers, with a range of diverse experience, who are all very excited to work with you. Find out more about the team on the next page.

We are based at the SEND and Inclusion hub on Siward Road , but we will be out in the community for coffee mornings, workshops and much more.



Feedback and Referrals

We want to hear your views.

We would love any and all feedback or suggestions you may have regarding our service. Let us know what you would like to see more of or how useful our support has been so far.

Please find our feedback form [here](#).



If you haven't already completed our referral form, and you would like to receive newsletters and be in our system to receive support in the future, please use [this link](#).



Our Contact Details:
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What we offer

Our team offer support with various challenges related to your child's and your family needs. They provide practical and emotional assistance, along with information, and guidance. This is the service that our SEND in Mind Team offers:

- **Tailored Workshops for parents with SEND children** delivered by our dedicated workers at our office base and in various venues across Wandsworth.
- **Support filling out various forms** including the DLA and PIP form for children and young people, parents and carers.
- **Establishing peer support networks** through coffee mornings and linking you to the local Parent Carer Forum.
- **Outreach work** around Wandsworth in Childrens Centres and other Services.
- **Ensuring** you are in receipt of all benefits that you are entitled to.
- **Signposting to other services** in and around Wandsworth which might benefit you.



Workshops and Meetings

Every month we will be providing a range of meetings and workshops to suit the needs of the community here. We would love to welcome you along to our first three events. If you would like to join us please send us an email or call us.

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in children Workshop:
8/11/2023
10-11.30am

Parent Coffee & Cake Morning
16/11/2023
10-12am

Wellbeing for Parent Carers:
29/11/2023
10-11.30am

Meet Our Team

We have a new and exciting team here at SEND in Mind Wandsworth and we'd love to get to know you!

Denny Hotene
Family Service Lead



Denny is our Family Service Lead and is passionate about empowering families to access the right support system for their needs. Outside of his work, Denny loves cooking, football and going for long hikes.

Patricia Addai
Family Support Worker



We're so excited to have Patricia part of our new team! Patricia enjoys travelling and discovered her love for Austria this autumn! She has a background of working with children and families and has a great passion for parent partnership.

Rosie Ashworth
Family Support Worker



Rosie grew up in Wandsworth and has a close relationship with the services provided for families with children with SEND. Before this role Rosie spent a year in France and worked with Asylum seeking families in Calais!

Filipa Lopes
Family Support Worker



Filipa was born in Portugal and has lived in London for the past 8 years. She loves yoga, swimming and hiking. Before this role, Filipa was involved in providing care and rehab therapy throughout London.

Other Useful Links

Wandsworth Local Offer

The SEND Local Offer supports children and young people and their families in Wandsworth.

This includes the WAND Card which offers discounts and concessions at participating local activities, leisure centres and parking.

020 8871 8907

Email: dcr-wand@wandsworth.gov.uk



Wandsworth Information, Advice and Support Service (WAISS)

020 8871 8065

Email: wiass@wandsworth.gov.uk

Family Information Service

020 8871 7899

Email: fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Thank you for reading!