

Let's Play Project Newsletter— May 2014



To find out about information, services & advice for families of disabled children , SEN & additional needs please go to:
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/disabilityinformation



The Owl Centre is a private clinic in Oxfordshire for children aged 0 - 18, headed by top Speech and Language Therapist Nicola Lathey, author of the best selling book, *Small Talk*. It offers Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy (OT), a Special Educational Needs support and advisory service, Dyslexia assessment and tuition, Music Therapy and other therapies.

The centre is proud of its professional and friendly approach and always puts the needs of the child first. With very close links with the NHS, it strives to give your child the best possible therapy without delay. The Owl Centre strongly encourages early intervention and as therapy is provided in a fun and engaging way, no age is too young. It offers school or home visits throughout Oxfordshire, parts of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Warwickshire and Wiltshire.

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KFES—Working with young people aged 14—24 **— newsletter attached.**

Their Newsletter outlines all of their programmes and new projects in the forthcoming months. KFES support young people between the ages of 15 and 24 who live in Oxfordshire and need some support in finding work, improving your qualifications, getting into college or finding constructive things to do.

Dear Parents,

Reductions in **holiday play schemes, youth clubs and after school care** for disabled children are very likely to occur. This is due to new “significant budget pressures”.

It's really important you say **what it would mean if these services were reduced or lost** as this will influence the decision makers as to how deep the cuts are.

A survey is being run allowing all parents of disabled children in Oxfordshire to **have their say**. This is open to all parents irrespective of which charity/provider your child might use, or where you live.

So far over 150 parents completed the survey to voice why these services are important. Oxfordshire County Council plan to use the results to prepare a report for the Councillors. It's vital that as many parents complete this as possible and that you are heard.

Please say what cuts would mean to you and your family. You can reach the survey by using the link below:

<http://goo.gl/2c3bUc>

The closing date to submit applications is the 9th May.

Oxford Health 
NHS Foundation Trust

Free information workshop on 'Personal Health Budgets for Children and Young People'

19th May 10am—2pm

Venue: The Four Pillars Hotel, Abingdon Road, OXON, OX1 4PS

Speakers from: Department of Health, peer networks, parent experiences, In—control, Direct Payments.

Please contact Lisa Love to book your place or for more information: Tel 01865 265025 or email lisa.love@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk
www.personalhealthbudgets.england.nhs.uk

Small Steps, Big Strides and EHSAS Groups

Small Steps, Big Strides and EHSAS groups provide support for Ethnic minority families in Oxfordshire. The 3 groups currently available are running at venues in Banbury and Oxford.

Please see attached documents for more details.