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## VI SENCo Newsletter.

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### To setting managers, SENCos and practitioners.



It's the spring term and you will be well into your early years setting's educational year, with a significant reduction in the number of Covid 19 cases hopefully it's a turning point for all of us.



The coronavirus situation appears to be easing somewhat and hopefully this will continue....as usual continue to follow appropriate local and or government advice.

Please remember to reach out to your link Area SENCo via phone or email for advice and support regarding SEND issues.

Further details on Area SENCo contact numbers/ emails can be found on our team's webpages on the RBG SEND Local Offer under the 'Meet the Team' drop down under, link below....

<https://greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/advice.page?id=LXxEdfRvhbo>



Under a recent SEND Outreach Support Services re-organisation, a new post was created in the Early Years Inclusion Team for a sixth Area SENCo, we are pleased to say that we have successfully recruited to this position and our new Area SENCo will be joining us after Easter...



## Referrals to the Early Years Coordination Team (EYCT)

Children need to be referred into this team in a timely manner if they are already known to 3 or more supporting services across education and health or are likely to require the support from 3 or more of the services connected to the EYCT.

**!** Please check the child you are referring into the team lives in Greenwich Borough or has a Greenwich GP.

The completed referral form **must** contain details of all professionals involved, and their reports, a summary of the child's current difficulties, background information and parent's views. Supporting information may also include

- Targets- reviewed/ current
- Setting report/ SALT / CP/ OT/ Physio/ etc reports
- Setting reports or EYFS Tracking
- Risk Assessments

Ideally evidence should be provided of targeted short-term support over and above that provided routinely as part of universal services and as part of the settings general practice in meeting the needs of all children in their setting, demonstrating that you have implemented strategies to support the child and the outcome of this support.

See details on our webpage on the Royal Greenwich Local Offer for more information about the EYCT referral and process.

<https://greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/advice.page?id=LXxEdfRvhbo>



In downloads there is an 'easy read' information leaflet for parents to go with the Early Years Coordination Team referral form- this will support you further in explaining to parents about this team and why you are making the referral.

**Health Service Single Point of Access (SPA) 8836 8621 - Ext 2**

Contact this number first if you have any queries about a child's specialist health services or any Early Years Coordination Team (EYCT) queries.

**Please note** new referral process for Integrated Therapies - *Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Dietetics*



**!** The Children’s Centre Drop In’s for the above services no longer take place anymore. And the email used during the high level Covid situation has also now ceased.



If a child needs one or maybe two of these above services, you will have to use the new referral from – attached to this newsletter.

The form is titled 'improving lives' and 'Oxleas NHS With Foundation Trust'. It is a 'Request For Assessment Form' for 'Children's Therapy Services'. It includes instructions to complete the form for various services like Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Dietetics. It also has sections for 'Child's Details (BLOCK CAPITALS)', 'Please indicate which of these services are, or have been, involved with this child', 'Please complete for each agency currently working with the child/young person/family', 'Relevant history', and 'Referrer details'.

**Remember** if a child is already known to 3 or more supporting services across education and health **or** you think they may need the support from 3 or more of the services connected to the Early Years Coordination Team (EYCT) make a referral to the EYCT.

## EARLY YEARS CONSULTATION FORUMS ARE ON MICROSOFT TEAMS.

These forums are now run online virtually via Microsoft Team.

Microsoft Teams is free you just download the app.



At the Early Years Consultation Forums, we aim to create a supportive, safe and confidential space in which to explore issues and concerns in detail.

The Forums are non-judgemental and allow members to acknowledge strengths and difficulties as well as developing knowledge and skills.

Through active listening, suggesting what might be going on and problem clarification; members share thinking and ideas to generate possible solutions.

Forums will currently take place in four areas of Royal Greenwich (see below).

South

West

East

Central

Check out this link for details on the dates and times for these forums.

<https://greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/advice.page?id=sQgN8-wUzcl>

You access the Microsoft Teams invitation via the above link.

Click on the 'area' icon below that your setting sits within to find out .....





Please remember to keep looking at the Royal Greenwich Local Offer

Find out what is on in Greenwich for families of children and young people with SEND and is updated daily...



[Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) Local Offer | Greenwich Community Directory](#)

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer**  
For children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Direct Payments  
Virtual Drop-In Sessions  
RBC are holding monthly drop-in sessions to answer your questions about Direct Payments and Personal Budgets. [Find out more](#)

- Early Years & Childcare
- Things to do
- Care & Support Services
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Education & Schools
- Health
- Money
- Staying Safe

**by Age**

Pre-Birth - 5 years	5-11 years	11-16 years
16-19 years	19-25 years	25 years +

**Information, Advice and Guidance**

Disabled Children and Young People's Register	Education, Health and Care Plans	I am worried about my child's health and development
Personal Budgets & Direct Payments	Short Breaks	Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing
Carers & Carers Assessments	Local Offer - You said, we did	Consultations
Disclaimer	Get Involved! Have your Say	Royal Borough of Greenwich SEND Local Offer Newsletters

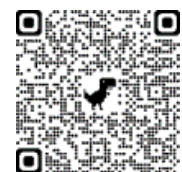
**What's Happening**

Special Provision Capital Fund grant: Consultation outcomes and Plan...  
Special Provision Capital Fund grant: Consultation outcomes and Plan The Royal Borough of Greenwich has consulted with a range of stakeholders around proposals for the future of...  
[Read more >](#)

**What's On**

March 2022						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Today



## Royal Greenwich Local Offer – Early Years Inclusion Team webpages have been updated on the SEND Local Offer

Via this main webpage you can access, information about our team, resources, activity videos, referral forms, symbols and much more.

EYIT main landing page:



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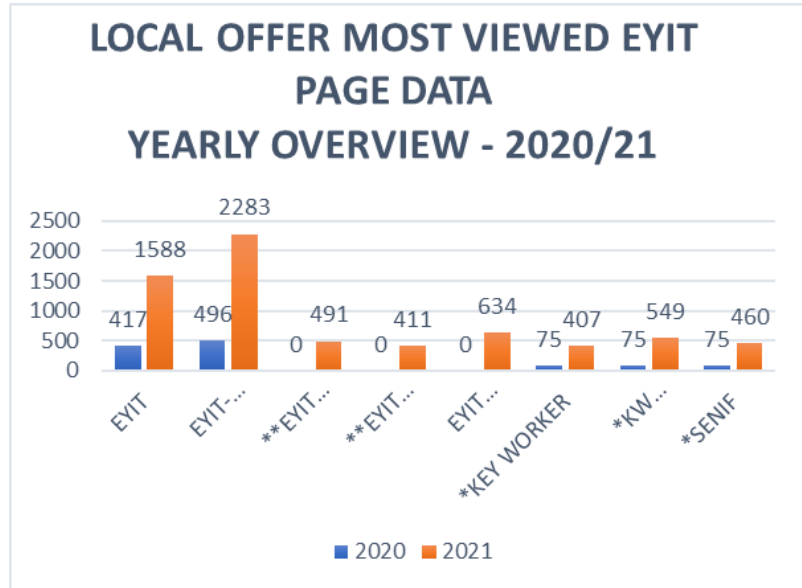


Follow the link below or the scan QR code.

<https://greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/service.page?id=cpqIUqOCVul&localofferchannel=0>



to all practitioners who have accessed the Early Years Inclusion Team pages.... just check out the headline data over the last year



\*Data gathered via open objects – platform for the Greenwich Local Offer.

Figures are taken from the ‘top 100’ most viewed pages data. Whereby the page does not appear in this list the average page view of ‘15’ has been applied.

\*\*2020 Data for the following pages is ‘o’ as they were not developed until 2020:

- EYIT INFORMATION
- EYIT RESOURCES
- EYIT INTERVENTIONS & STRATEGIES

#### Most Viewed Records for Sep, 2021 Export as CSV

2021	#	Record Title	Record External ID	Count
Sep	1	<a href="#">Scams - Call out charges. Know your rights</a>	B_FAKcRXSK8	294
Aug	2	<a href="#">Early Years SEND - Interventions and strategies</a>	IAZm9vzXO1U	177
Jul	3	<a href="#">Early Years Inclusion Team</a>	cpqIUqOCVul	169
Jun	4	<a href="#">Early Years SEND - Resources for PVI SENCO's and practitioners</a>	sQgN8-wUzcl	157
May	5	<a href="#">Special Educational Needs (SEN) Team</a>	FvWinNnJVYA	144
Apr	6	<a href="#">Special Education Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)</a>	qlyJL_J5DhY	123
Mar	7	No results have been found for your search	0loyMYJUGxM	118
Feb	8	<a href="#">Early Years SEND - Information</a>	LXxEdfRvhbo	116
Jan	9	<a href="#">Using your account</a>	4Bcc0I4QN8Q	114
2020	10	<a href="#">Education, Health and Care Plans</a>	T6fA1VwqzQZ	110
Dec	11	No results have been found for your search	0loyMYJUGxM	109
Nov	12	<a href="#">Feedback</a>	p1IRqZ1ZEww	109
Oct	13	<a href="#">London South East Colleges - LSEC</a>	dEma1P4DuHs	106
Sep	14	<a href="#">Using your account</a>	4Bcc0I4QN8Q	104

**Daily Page Requests**  
Unique page requests that your site received

**Daily Sessions**  
Unique sessions that your site handled per day

**Top Locations**  
Most popular locations searched for on your site

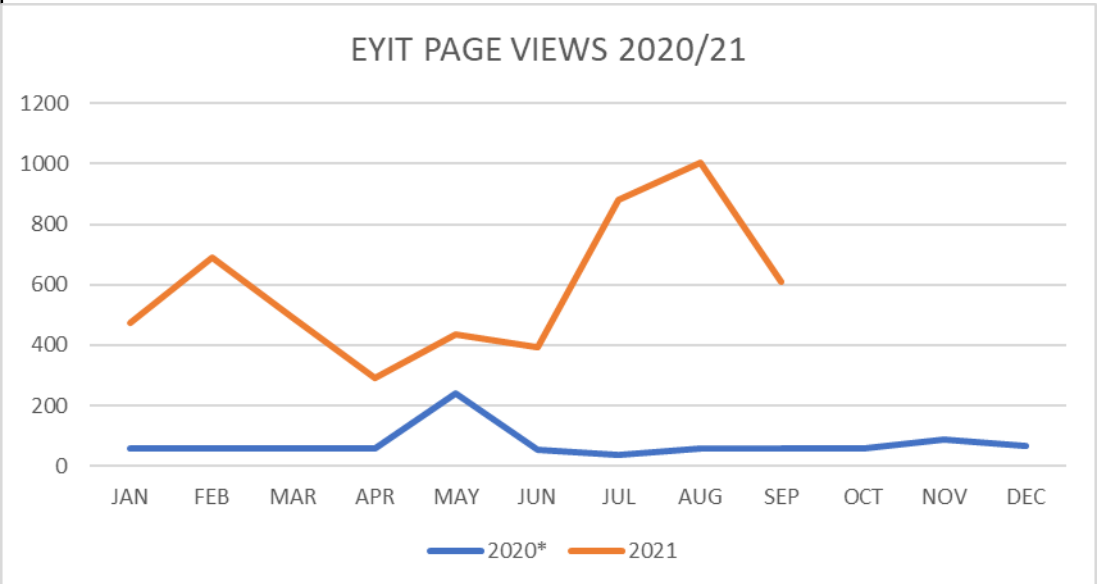
**Top Searches**  
Most popular search terms & locations searched for on your site

**Top Searches (0 Hits)**  
Most popular search terms & locations searched for on your site that returned 0 hits

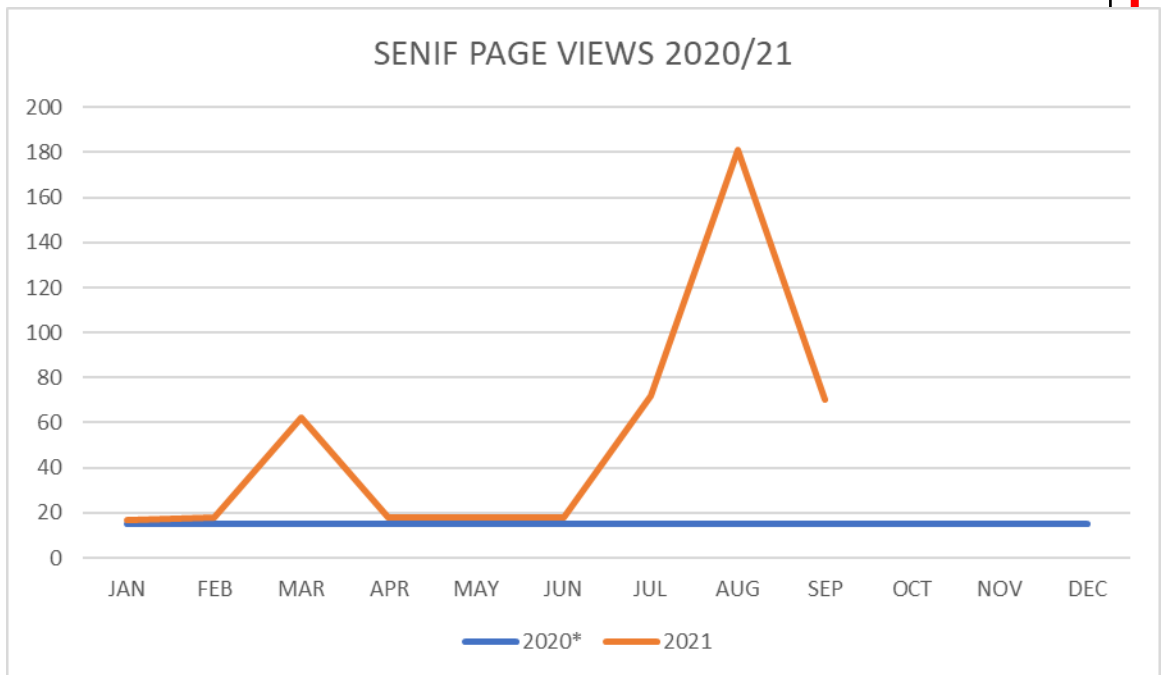
**Top Search Terms**  
Most popular search terms searched for on your site

See below for an example of the most viewed records for September 2021

EYIT TEAM PAGES

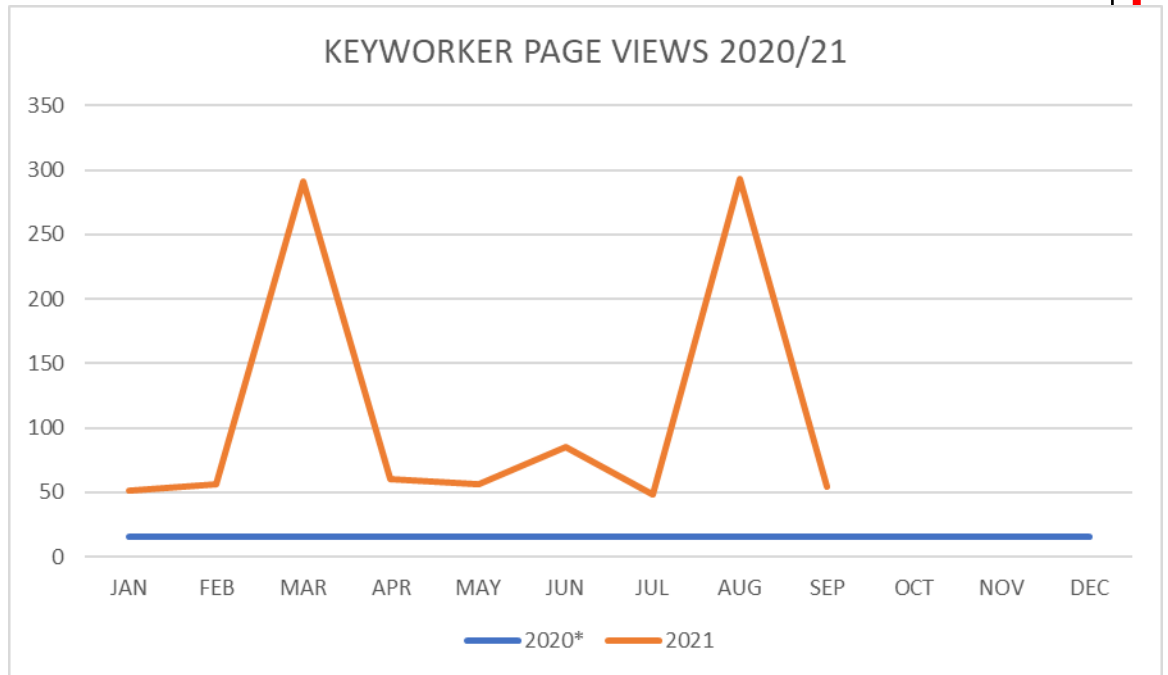


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KEYWORKER PAGE VIEWS



2021 DATA IS UP TO 22<sup>ND</sup> SEP 2021

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PLEASE NOTE: Peaks usually coincide with times the EYIT Local Offer sites have been promoted collectively by Area SENCo’s i.e. in the PVI SENCo Newsletter



Training offer reminder.



The EYIT offer the following training via online media.

Introduction to SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities)	Social Communication Difficulties and Autism in the Early Years
Early Years Consultation Forums	Profile Workshops
Legislation and Early Identification	Planning for Progress for children with SEND (PLP)
Working with Parents and Voice of the Child	Multi-agency working and TAC meetings
Developing a Profile and EHCP requests	Talking Mats
Disability Awareness	

You can find the Training request form on the Local Offer

Just to make you aware of the **Healthy Start scheme** from the government which might be beneficial for some of our families, link to website... <https://www.gov.uk/healthy-start>

### Overview

If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, the [Healthy Start scheme](#) can help you buy basic foods like milk or fruit.

If you qualify for the scheme, you'll be sent vouchers you can use in over 30,000 shops in the UK.

You can also get coupons to swap for:

- pregnancy vitamins
- breastfeeding vitamins
- vitamins for children from birth to 4 years old



### 2. What you'll get

If you qualify, you'll get vouchers worth £4.25 each to spend on:

- cow's milk
- fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables
- infant formula milk
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses

You get 1 voucher a week if:

- you're pregnant
- you have a child aged between 1 and 4

You get 2 vouchers a week if you have a child under 1.

You can also get free vitamin supplements.

### 3. Eligibility

You can get Healthy Start vouchers if you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland. If you live in Scotland, apply for [Best Start Foods](#) instead.

You will qualify for the Healthy Start scheme if either:

- you're at least 10 weeks pregnant
- you have at least 1 child under 4 years old

In addition, you must be receiving any of the following:

- Child Tax Credit (but only if your family's annual income is £16,190 or less)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support

### If you're not a British citizen but your child is

You might be able to get Healthy Start vouchers depending on your immigration status.



You can get Healthy Start vouchers if all the following are true:

- you have at least 1 British child under 4 years old - [check if your child is automatically a British citizen](#) if you're not sure
- your family earns £408 or less per month after tax
- you cannot claim '[public funds](#)' (for example, benefits) - either because of your immigration status or because you do not have an immigration status

Your biometric residence permit (BRP) or your [online immigration status](#) will say if you cannot claim public funds. You might also have a letter from the Home Office about it.

To get Healthy Start vouchers, ask for an application form via email. Only use this email address if you think you cannot claim public funds because of your immigration status.

[Healthystartclaim@dhsc.gov.uk](mailto:Healthystartclaim@dhsc.gov.uk)

#### 4. How to claim

[Apply for Healthy Start vouchers.](#)

You can also get an application form from your midwife or 'health visitor', or by phoning the Healthy Start helpline.

Healthy Start helpline

Telephone: 0345 607 6823

[Find out about call charges](#)

If you cannot claim public funds because of your immigration status, there's [a different way to apply](#).