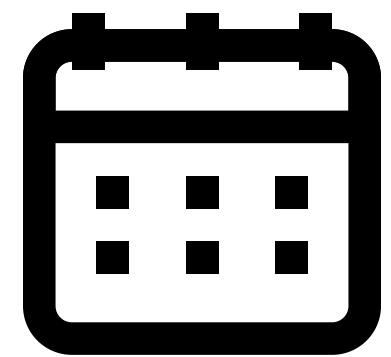


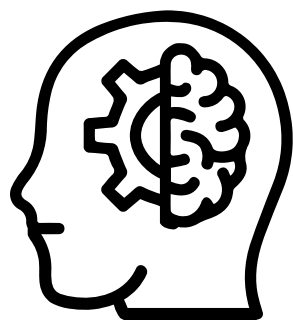
**Save the dates for these webinars  
run jointly with SENDIAS:**

- PfA Community Involvement 31 January 25
- Navigating Health (refresh) 28 February 25
- SEN Support 28 March 25

\*These will be live at 10am on the dates provided with recordings available



**ADHD  
Workshops**



FACT led 2 coproduction workshops on ADHD to allow parents and professionals to share their thoughts about the current offer in Bucks and how it could be improved. More than 50 people joined the workshops - one of which was online and the other in person. A smaller group of volunteers have now brought this together into a draft report alongside some recommendations for action in areas like awareness raising and training.

**SEND Strategy  
consultation open  
until Dec 1st 24**

Buckinghamshire Council has released a SEND Strategy 2025-29 draft for formal consultation giving you a chance to shape the future.

Sadly this draft has not been coproduced but we have used the engagement opportunities so far to try to better shape it.

Overall it is focused on the financial background in which it is prepared and there are large areas of improvement need which are not included. So time to make your concerns heard.

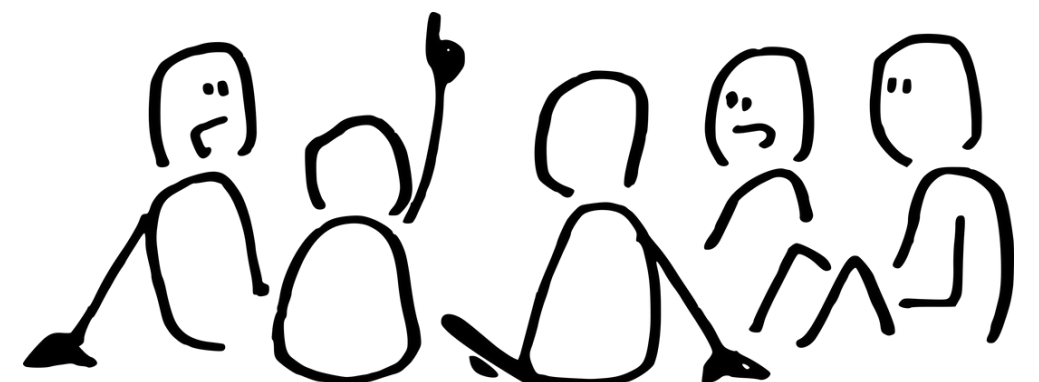
Our website has the information you need to access this consultation  
[www.factbucks.org.uk](http://www.factbucks.org.uk)

## Our Annual General Meeting AGM

25 parents attended a lively Annual Meeting event at Missenden Abbey.

Michael Jarrett, Buckinghamshire's Director for Education and Inclusion was present to answer questions dominated by the recent changes to Higher Needs Block Funding as well as long standing issues about communication and processes as well as the legality of actions taken by the Council.

Answers to all the questions posed to him are available on our website along with minutes and audio recordings.



We also welcomed Belinda Seston and colleagues from the team who contract providers to offer services on behalf of the Council and Health Bodies including in areas like Therapies; ND and Short breaks.

We received very positive feedback on the event and are keen to follow up suggestions to organise some Facebook Live events with other key service leads. If you would like to hear from someone, let our Comms Officer, Rupali know who. You can contact her on [Rupali@factbucks.org.uk](mailto:Rupali@factbucks.org.uk)

The presentation on the work of the Forum itself and its priorities going forward is also on the website.  
[www.factbucks.org.uk](http://www.factbucks.org.uk)

For more information on how you can get involved, visit:

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## Preparing for Adulthood

Work to bring Phase Transfer reviews earlier to ensure that options for Post 16 education are better known and solutions found that suit YP needs and aspirations. There will be termly Opportunity Showcases held for YP and parents. The focus on those not in education, employment or training continues as does the expansion of supported internships.

## Carers consultation coming soon...

We are all carers as parents but we can also be carers for other adults in our lives and some young people are themselves carers. A new draft strategy for carers is about to open for consultation. FACT have had more opportunity to influence this through an extensive series of stakeholder sessions - thanks Margaret Rutendo Nyambayo for your time on this. As soon as it is live we will update you via website and Facebook.

## Adult Day Opportunities and Overnight Respite



The Council is consulting on major changes to its offer for Adult Day Opportunities and Overnight Respite for Adults with special needs (including young people aged 18-25). This includes the closure of four of the seven council run centres, including the only overnight respite unit.

If this is an area that currently impacts you or may do in the future, please visit:

[www.yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com](http://www.yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com)

## Complex Needs



Work focussed on those Young People whose needs require a complexity of engagement from different agencies is highlighting the lack of adequate respite support for families. FACT have been shining a spotlight on this for many years and the promised review of the current Short Breaks and Respite provision in preparation for a contract renewal in 2025 has now been postponed. Families will therefore continue to struggle to find respite support prior to family breakdown. We will now be raising this directly to the SEND Partnership Board.

