

# Solihull SEND Newsletter

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## Health Update - March 2023

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### **Useful Information on the Local Offer health pages**

The information regarding health services is continually under review by health colleagues in collaboration with Solihull Parent Carer Voice (SPCV) based on feedback received from parent carers, young people, and professionals. Below are some examples of information shared and produced specifically for the local offer health pages for parent carers and professionals.

### **Situational Mutism (SM) Information Pack**

The creation of the SM information pack took place following feedback from Birmingham and Solihull Parent Carers that there was little information about how to get support for children, young people and young adults with SM in Birmingham and Solihull in the hopes of collating good quality advice and information for parent carers, professionals and young people. The pack can be found via the health the emotional wellbeing and mental health page on the local offer [Local Offer - Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Services \(solihull.gov.uk\)](https://solihull.gov.uk/local-offer/emotional-wellbeing-and-mental-health-services).

### **SEND Health Designate Team**

Also available on the local offer is information regarding the SEND Health Designate Team. They work with their education, social care and expert by experience colleagues with a focus on improving the quality of experience of health support for children and young people who have SEND. The designate team represent health at EHCP panel, attend parent carer community events, will be presenting at the upcoming SENCo network as well as providing SEND training to Birmingham and Solihull GP practices. Links to further information about the team and who they are can be found here - [Solihull Local Offer - Health](#) and here [Meet the designate team](#).

### **Assessments for Sensory Needs for children in Solihull**

Following feedback from families that it was not clear what services were available for children with sensory needs the Birmingham and Solihull Designate Team worked together with Solihull Parent Carer Voices and local services to produce a summary of information for the local offer website which can be found via the health local offer pages or directly here [Assessments-for-children-with-sensory-needs-in-Solihull](#).

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