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Dear parents/carers

Review of Local SEND Provision across North Yorkshire

You may be aware that the local authority has commissioned a review of its current range of specialist education provision to ensure it is appropriate for meeting the future needs and trends of children and young people with SEND.

ISOS is an established research and advisory company, specialising in work for the public sector, in education, local government, health and social care. The organisation has expertise and a proven track record in developing policy and strategy, solving delivery problems and undertaking national evaluations. The review focusses on 3 main areas:

- What specialist SEND provision is currently available across North Yorkshire and how is it being used?
- What specialist SEND provision is needed currently and will be needed over the next 3-5 years?
- What are the options for shaping SEND provision to meet current and future need?

The review involves a series of 5 locality reviews which will involve field work including engagement with 0-25 education providers and parents/carers, children and young people. It will involve 0-25 years education provision within the locality including early years, schools and post 16 providers including specialist provision, enhanced Mainstream schools, specialist colleges and Pupil Referral Services

Next Locality Reviews

ISOS is now conducting the final 2 locality reviews covering the Selby and Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale areas.

I am very keen to ensure that parents/carers are fully involved in the review and that ISOS are made aware of your view with regards to provision in your local area.

There are a number of ways in which you can be involved:

- You can attend one of the parent workshops detailed below
- You can request a telephone discussion with Ben Bryant from ISOS during the field work days

Selby

Fieldwork

4 th July	6.00-7PM The Regen Centre Landing Lane Riccall YORK YO18 6PW
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Scarborough/Whitby/Ryedale

Fieldwork

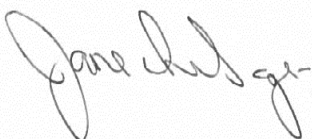
11 th July	6.00-7PM Falsgrave Community Resource Centre Seamer Road SCARBOROUGH North Yorkshire YO12 4DH
12 th July	6.00-7PM Seachange Community Trust (Green Lane Centre) Green Lane WHITBY North Yorkshire
13 th July	6.00-7PM Lakeside Conference Centre (Defra) Sand Hutton YORK North Yorkshire YO41 1LZ

Please contact Linda Steel on 01609 532299 or by email – linda.steel@northyorks.gov.uk to book a place at the workshop or to request a telephone conversation from Ben.

I do hope you are willing to be involved with this review to shape future provision for children with SEND in the area and look forward to meeting you at the briefing session.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely



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