

Services for Young Children

Parents/ Carers Update – December 2019

Included this month: Hampshire Parent Carer Network, 30 Hours and Tax-Free Childcare applications, the Carers Trust

Hampshire Parent Carer Network 'Get Togethers'



Hampshire Parent Carer Network (HPCN) is a charitable organisation working throughout the county. Their members are parent carers of children and young people with additional needs aged 0-25 years, associated professionals and affiliated groups. They support and train parent carer representatives to work alongside the professionals who provide health, education, adult and social services to children and young adults.

HPCN provides a range of support as well as having parent carer 'Get Together' events across the county. They welcome new members.

For further details visit their website: <http://www.hpcn.org.uk/what-we-do/>

Important! Accessing 30 hours childcare or Tax-Free Childcare, or wanting to apply to start in January?

If your child is receiving 30 hours childcare or Tax-Free Childcare make sure you re-confirm your information; or apply for the funding **before the school holidays start** to ensure that your child receives their entitlement with no gaps or delays from



January 2020.

To re-confirm* or apply, visit: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**Parents who already access the funding must check their childcare account to re-confirm.*

And some Christmas cheer...

The Carers Trust currently has a grant fund open for individual adult carers, aged 16+

Carers may be able to apply for grants of **up to £300** for items or activities that will **benefit them in their caring role**.



To see whether you are able to apply for a grant, **contact your local carer service** so they can advise you. They will need to complete an online application form on your behalf.

For further details: <https://carers.org/article/grants-available-carers-trust>