

Solent NHS Trust

The support provided to Solent NHS was delivered through the Department for Education funded Participation, Information and Advice Contract which Kids delivers alongside consortium partners CDC, the NNPCF, and Contact.

Representatives from Kids⁵ worked with Solent NHS Participation Facilitator for Physical Health, to develop and deliver a conference event that met the agreed objectives as identified below in the support overview.

Solent NHS Support Overview:

- 1. Conducting a scoping exercise across the workforce to better understand the current level of participation with patients with SEND, particular focus on those with more complex and communication needs.**
- 2. Support to develop and deliver a conference for Solent NHS practitioners to engage in meaningful participation of young people with moderate to complex needs.**
- 3. To create a 'bank' of resources for Solent NHS practitioners to use to capture the authentic voice across services.**

The support was a joint venture offered by Kids and members of staff from Solent NHS. Kids aided the development of the scoping activity, and made use of the findings to underpin the event, which was planned and co-facilitated with children and young people with SEND from Kids' 3 participation groups⁶ and young people from Solent NHS, with contributions from NHS staff from Hampshire and Berkshire. 77 practitioners from across the trusts reach attended the conference and took part in the activities. There was a video created to support others to access the session at a later date.



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⁶ YPPT (Young people's participation team) Rise voice group and Loud Mouth's.

2.1 Recommendations

Throughout this report we have made recommendations based on the development and outcomes of the session, combined with over 8 years' experience working on participation with local authorities across England.

Recommendation 1: *Make use of the 'Barrier Fact Sheets' provided to continue to engage children and young people in meaningful participation opportunities.*

Recommendation 2: *All practitioners to create their own All About Me to be shared with young people before an appointment / visit.*

Recommendation 3: *Follow up on Practitioner's call to action.*

KIDS would like to maintain contact with the local area, being kept informed of progress against the above recommendations.