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**Dear Children's Links Member**

**Your news bulletin is produced fortnightly and is designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest developments in children and family policy.**

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If you have any news or information that you would like to share in the E-Bulletin please email [membership@childrenslinks.org.uk](mailto:membership@childrenslinks.org.uk)



# Party Packages

## Lincoln Toy Library and Soft Play

Hire the Toy Library exclusively for your own party!

**Party Hire £75:**  
Exclusive hire of the venue.  
**Disco Hire £95**  
Exclusive hire of the venue with a disco  
**VIP Party (everything below) £180**  
for up to 18 children



**Extras**  
Bubble machine £5  
Glow sticks £10  
Face painting or glitter tattoos £20  
Games and prizes £20  
Sweet cones £2 each



Bring your own party food, music and decorations!

Available during non core opening hours during the week and at the weekend.



Party hire suitable for up to 6 years / Disco suitable for up to 11 years

Discounts available for Toy Library Members!

Company number 3484851  
Registered Charity Number 1071058  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
in England and Wales

Registered address:  
Suite 1 and 4 Gymphlex Building  
Boston Road, Horncastle, L49 6HU

To book or for more details contact us on  
01522 546215  
toylibrary@childrenslinks.org.uk  
or call into the toy library

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## Weston Charity Awards Expands Programme For 2018

Following the success of previous awards, the Weston Charity Awards has expanded its area of eligibility into Wales as it re-opens the programme for 2018.

Registered charities in the North of England, the Midlands, and Wales, can apply for a package of support intended to provide long-term benefit.

Applications will be accepted from registered charities that are ambitious and working to alleviate disadvantage in youth, welfare or community sectors.

It is expected that 20 charities will receive: A fully funded year of support from Pilotlight. An unrestricted cash contribution of £6,200 to support the work with Pilotlight, this includes travel expenses to meetings. Access to the advice and support of both Pilotlight and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Three 'connect' sessions with other Award Winners across the year. Charities must have an annual income of less than £5 million, and at least one paid full-time member of staff in a leadership position.

Applications will be accepted from 1 December 2017 until 12 January 2018 (5pm).



## Riding the Storm of Adolescence

Children's Links is delighted to offer you another opportunity to join Jo Stockdale from the Child Learning and Development Advisory Centre as she explains the way that every human interaction a child experiences effects their developing brain.

See overleaf for further details on this exciting course.

**Monday 23rd April 2018 4.30pm—6.30pm**

Suites 1&4 Gymphlex Premises, Boston Road

**Horncastle**

LN9 6HU

**£35 per delegate or £30 Early Bird Offer\***

\*If booked before 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018

FREE Parking and light buffet provided

An opportunity not to be missed for anyone working with children and young people. Places are limited! To book yours please contact [bookings@childrenslinks.org.uk](mailto:bookings@childrenslinks.org.uk)

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## Children and young people's mental health

The government's response to the Education and Health Select Committees' report on children and young people's mental health has been published. While the Committees' report made recommendations including: support for student well-being that goes beyond PSHE lessons to leadership, staffing, training and non-academic activities; more prominence for mental health in Ofsted inspections; and a review of the effect of budget reductions, the government response emphasises:

- The role of PSHE and RSE lessons and the DfE's upcoming 'wide-ranging engagement on the content of these subjects'
- Ofsted maintains that its inspections already give due prominence to mental health but that it will keep this under review
- The £1.3 billion for schools over the next two years in addition to the new school funding formula

## Early years services

Family and Childcare Trust has published the results of research conducted by parent researchers from across the country, who spoke to nearly 500 parents to understand what families need and want from early years services. Finding that parents are concerned the lack of early years services, and most value activities where they can take part with their child, the report recommends a national strategy from the government which:

- Ensures adequate investment in crucial early years services from central Government with earmarked funding for local authorities.
- Effectively engages parents in the development of the national strategy, and outline how parents should be involved in the development of local services.
- Prioritises strengthening communities by reaching out to and welcoming all families in the local area.
- Makes sure families know about the services on offer locally by providing clear and comprehensive information.

## Children's Links' Vacancies

Children's Links have a variety of vacancies in the children's sector ranging from Childcare Assistants to Visit Centre Workers in prisons.

To view the current vacancies visit the Children's Links [website](#).

## Funding Finder

CYP Now have a directory that lists over 100 sources of funding and grants to support work with children, young people and families. [Find out more](#)

