

**Sarah Feedback Notes**  
**Meeting with Futures (part of Autism Unlimited)**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

I was contacted by Futures (a part of Autism Unlimited - used to be Autism Wessex) about their project and asking if we wanted to be involved in their forum.

They are an Independent Specialist Provision for Young People with Learning Disabilities (not just autism) with EHCP's, and at present they have a 4 bed house in Christchurch where they offer day support in education, employment (paid or voluntary), and social support. They are all about preparing for adulthood, as they recognised there was a real gap in provision for this group of young people. Their motto is 'Live local, Stay local, Learn local'.

They have set up a relaxed 'Professionals Forum' which they have invited schools, colleges, The Borough, SWARAC and anyone else who would like to attend. It will meet termly at different locations, and they would like people to chair and host, informing the others about what they 'do', what they offer, any new things etc. They have invited us to join, and 'host' one meeting in the future where we share what we do so that we can reach more professionals (who can then disperse info to parent carers).

The next meeting is next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30-4:00 (tricky time!) in Christchurch. I am able to attend, but I wondered if anyone else would also like to get involved? It doesn't need to be then of course, but the next meeting in a terms time.

Here is a little more info about them (I took loads of notes, but didn't want to bore you!), but the website is a bit up and down as they have rebranded from Autism Wessex.

<https://www.autism-unlimited.org/education/further-education-18-25/>

<https://www.autism-unlimited.org/education/futures-team/>

<https://www.autism-unlimited.org/blog/michael039s-story/>

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