

NEW – SHINE funding for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded new funding from **The Evelyn Trust** to enhance our **Little Stars** offer in **Peterborough and Cambridgeshire**. Little Stars offers proactive early intervention support to our members, and their families, with **Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus** aged 0 to 12 years. Better still it's free to join.

Becoming a member of SHINE gives parents access to our specialist teams, a named Support and Development Worker for their child, a teddy bear, books and birthday cards, our closed Parents Facebook Forum, our 26 regional WhatsApp groups and programme of closed zooms to facilitate peer to peer support. We have also launched a series of condition specific age related automated E-Newsletters for every stage of a child's development.

During the pandemic we have engaged with more of our members than ever before and we are dealing with more complex issues as a direct result. We are more than happy to take direct client referrals from professionals. If any of the clients/patients, with the conditions, who you work with are not currently members of Shine, here are the **ways in which they can become a member:-**

- Online at <https://www.shinecharity.org.uk/become-a-member/become-a-member>
- call SHINE HQ on 01733 555988 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)
- email firstcontact@shinecharity.org.uk

NEW - Professionals section of SHINE website – Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus

We have also been making some improvements to our website and I wanted to share these with you.

We have created a new **Professionals section** of our website which provides in one place information on Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, links to our **condition based videos and resources** for you to browse at your leisure. Furthermore, by signing up for our **Professional membership**, which is free, you will be given access to our new upcoming **E-learning modules** and early notification of our **Spina Bifida Virtual Conference** taking place on 3 December 2021. The link is here:-

<https://www.shinecharity.org.uk/support-for-professionals/specialist-support-for-professionals>

Thank you for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me or SHINE HQ for any further information.

With kind regards

Nicola