

Work Area:	Parent Carer Forum
Reporting period:	1 st to 30 th June 2022

Identified Themes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Living • Participation and Involvement • Schools Offer
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FORUM VIEWS/ ISSUES/ PROGRESS

- Forum concerns/ issues
- Forum Plans
- Forum Actions (From Boards/ Meetings)

Our team of Parent Representatives continue to work closely with parent carers and attend events and strategic meetings to support parent carers and the Local Authority to help improve services in Peterborough.

We are on target with any plans we have in place and work we conduct to meet the requirements of any of our funders. We are also looking at ways of becoming further self-funding and less reliant on grant funding.

Data sources and Details (Engagement Levels)

- Overview of parent carers engaging (numbers new and recurring)
- Data sets
- Demographics where known
- Numbers of surveys/ facebook polls/ session attendance -

Participation and Involvement from Parents/carers

Total number of individuals engaged with for June 2022: **356**

Adults 284

Children and Young People 72

Ethnicity where known

	22/23
Asian	25
Unknown	55
Lithuanian	7
Russian	1
Pakistani	12
Afghan	2
Ghanian	1
Portuguese	3
Indian	9
Ugandan	1
American Indian	1
Canadian	1
Scottish	2
Latvian	1
Polish	7
Greek	1
Black British	1
Turkish Cypriot	1
Brazilian	1
Mixed	7
White Other	1
African	5

American	1
Irish	1

We have engaged with families through sessions such as:

- Coffee mornings
- Events
- Café
- Meet and Eat
- Jubilee event
- Food support
- Funfair

We are continuing to engage with new parents/carers and will be actively encouraging participation with FVP and continuing to recruit more volunteers and Parent Reps.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVE VIEWS/ ISSUES

- Meetings attended (Title/ Number)
- Hours Devoted to forum work
- Methods used to gather parent carer views
- Number of parent carers being represented
- Any concerns identified by parent rep and who these have been fed back to

Rep Meeting Attendance

Number of Meetings	Duration of meeting in hours (please multiply duration by number of reps)	Travel Time (In Hours) - Please multiply by number of reps	Total Admin/Prep time In Hours
17	24	0	14.5

Actual Meetings attended by Reps in June 2022:

Children with Disabilities (CWD) Operational Group
 EHCP Improvement Meeting
 SEND Hub Admissions Review
 Five Day Offer
 C&P Personal Care Meeting
 PCC SEND Forum
 SEND Exec Board
 Meeting with Emma Harkin (New Head of SENI)
 ICS - Children and Maternity Collaborative
 "SEND Health Advisory Group
 Multi-Agency EHCP Audit meeting
 EHCP Improvement Meeting
 Workshop for Carers
 PfA Young Persons Consultation Meeting
 SEND Partnerships Stakeholder Meeting
 PfA Employment Meeting
 PfA Independent Meeting

Parent reps are raising concerns about the cost of living, parental resilience, lack of PfA support for parent carers and also SEND families unknown to services.

PARENT CARER VIEWS/ ISSUES

- Views Via You Said – We Did
- Complaints/ Concerns
- Compliments
- Your Say Form

Contact from **16** parent carers with the concerns raised falling into the following areas:

- ADHD re-assessment
- Financial issues
- Property adaptations
- Social isolation and support groups
- Food support
- EHCP support
- Advice regarding Autism
- Housing
- Summer activities for autism

Survey Response Themes:

- Concern for the future
- What are the social care/ supported living options for young people
- How will bills be paid/ food be placed on the table
- High levels of anxiety and continued feelings of isolation
- Sense of lack of support – parents feel they are left on their own to cope/ navigate the SEND system
- Increase social anxiety as a result of the periods of lock down – still a fear of going out
- What happens beyond 18 for those with SEND

Cost of living concerns are also about personal hygiene, securing food for restricted diets, inability to access social activities, health based activities – how will family outings be impacted.

Been struggling with electric as lot of. Money goes on that and hospital appointments paying for taxi so my daughter can attend her appointment

Struggling financially with the cost of things going up. Also have had to pay a big sum off a bill

We are not frivolous family. Any more cost rises and we will be going into debt.

Not being able to work due to caring but having carers allowance deducted from Universal credit.

Our youngest son is 17 now and has Autism He is getting on quite well at school but we do find he is not good at processing his emotions and when frustrate he sometimes does hit his mum WE would like some ideas on how to manage his emotion and how to keep him busy this summer when schools are out

School Specific (IF RELEVANT)

- Schools Offer Update
- Details on any work with schools (setting etc)
- Details on parent carers engaging at setting level

A New Dad's Group has been set up at Beeches, and will meet monthly

There is a planned session in July 2022 at William Law and Beeches to review their SEND Information Report with parents at the setting

7 parent carers have attended sessions in schools

OTHER (IF RELEVANT)

- Feedback from other groups
- General feedback about wider issues/ services
- Planned changes/ work

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