

Working Together For SEND Families



Understanding the Role of Parent Carers Forums

Many Families have questions about how Parent Carer Forums work, how we support families while working alongside local services, and what 'co-production' means .

We want to explain this clearly and reassure families that parent voices remain at the heart of everything we do.



What is Co-Production?

Good Co-Production means:

- ✓ Honest conversations
- ✓ Constructive Challenge
- ✓ Families being heard
- ✓ Working towards meaningful change

Parent Carers' lived experiences are essential in helping services understand what needs to improve

Campaigning

As a Parent Carer Forum partially funded by the Department of Education, we MUST follow grant guidance, which means there are limits around leading campaigning as an organisation due to the conflict of interest.

Personally as parents carers, can we campaign? **Yes.**

Personally as Parent Carers we can support campaigns and many of us do agree with them however we are unable to do this in the name of the forum. Parent carers always have a right to:



Speak Up



Share experience publicly



Join rallies & campaigns & meetings



Advocate for change

How DO we support families?

We know families are under enormous pressure.



Families often face;

- Long waiting lists
- Difficult battles for support
- Emotional and financial stress
- Feeling unheard or overwhelmed

We support Families by:

- Listening to local experiences
- Feeding concerns to decision-makers
- Helping influence improvements on SEND Services across Medway
- Sharing information/ signpost and support opportunities for parent carers
- Ensuring families are represented in all local discussions



We work towards better outcomes for children and young people (0-25) with SEND. We are committed to making sure every parent carer's voice is heard



Why your parent voice matters? *(every single one of them)*

Real change happens when families are included. Your experience helps improve your local SEND services, policies, consultations, training and awareness, and making future improvements for all children and young people

Every experience shared helps build a clearer picture of what families in Medway need.

Together we want:

- **Better outcomes for children and young people with SEND**
- **Stronger support for families**
- **More inclusive services**
- **Parent Carers involved in shaping change**
- **To build a clearer picture of what families in Medway need.**

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