



Barnet Parent Carer Forum

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Who are we?

- ▶ Barnet Parent Carer Forum was set up in 2014 by parent carers in response to the change in legislation (Children & Families Act)
- ▶ All members are parent carers of children and young people aged 0-25 years who have SEND.
- ▶ Funded by the Department for Education to engage independently with the Local Authority.
- ▶ We represent families' views and help to shape and improve services for our children and young people.
- ▶ Part of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums - national perspective





What does membership involve?

- ▶ Members receive regular email updates on events, training opportunities, surveys and other items of interest
- ▶ Steering group - around 12 parent carers who jointly decide the priorities of the forum, attend workstream and other strategic meetings and work closely with the Local Authority





Benefits of membership

- ▶ Stay informed about local SEND services
- ▶ Conference and Training opportunities eg Health Conference, Transitions Morning, SEND Conference, using the Local Offer
- ▶ Supportive environment with a group of like minded people
- ▶ Empowerment that comes with effective action
- ▶ A chance to help shape the services available for our children





BPCF recent engagement with the LA

- ▶ Autism strategy - development and implementation
- ▶ Down Syndrome Pathway
- ▶ CAMHS transforming care project
- ▶ Trailblazer bid which has led to MH support teams in schools
- ▶ Social Care - Open Spaces and Short Breaks
- ▶ Representation at Board and Strategic level including BELS
- ▶ SEND assurance visit October 2020
- ▶ SEND Ofsted inspection January 2022
- ▶ Complex Needs Panel - Parent representative weekly
- ▶ Interview Panel for key SEND posts eg Chief Exec of Education and learning and Director SEND and Inclusion





BPCF future priorities

- ▶ Stay connected with our members.
- ▶ Strengthen and diversify our membership and steering group - step forward for a chat. No pressure
- ▶ Continue our strong representation with the LA
- ▶ Transform key areas e.g. Therapies
- ▶ Training opportunities for members
- ▶ Online surveys - tell us what matters to you
- ▶ Improve and update our website
- ▶ Social media presence. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter





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