


Do you have a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

The Birmingham Parent Carer Forum are seeking the views of parent carers to help shape accessibility and representation of families caring and providing support for a child, young person or adult with a disability or additional needs.

A photograph of a family: a woman, a man, and a young child. The woman is smiling and looking at the child, who is looking towards the camera. The man is partially visible on the right, also smiling.

What is a Parent Carer Forum?

A photograph of a woman with dark curly hair smiling and holding a young child. The child is wearing a brown and white patterned sweater.

A Parent Carer Forum is a group of parents and carers of disabled children. Their aim is to make sure the services in their area meet the needs of disabled children and their families.

They do this by gathering the views of local families and then working in partnership with local authorities, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services, processes and commissioners are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Who we are

We are a group of independent parents carers who have children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

We work with organisations that provide services for our families. We are completely independent of the Local Authority, Integrated Care Board (ICB) and The Children's Trust which enables us to share the experiences and ideas of parent carers, giving them a voice to make positive change.

We welcome any parent, grandparent or foster parent with a child or young person regardless of their disabilities. Any parent carer of a child or young person with a disability or additional needs, residing in Birmingham or accessing Birmingham services can become a member. We are committed to being inclusive of all families from diverse backgrounds and disabilities. These may range from complex medical needs to challenging behaviour, neurodevelopmental, learning and/or physical difficulties.



Whilst the forum is not a support group, we actively seek to work in collaboration with all parent carers, parent support groups, community groups, schools, voluntary and grassroots organisations to gather voices and experiences to influence change and service design.

We share the diverse experiences of all our members and their unique challenges with service providers. We want to ensure the concerns and voices of parent carers are heard, listened to, valued and used to make change. We will hold the statutory services to account and challenge decisions when families are telling us it's not working. Our goal is to improve outcomes for all children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).



Get involved!

Would you like to influence the development of services which matter the most to your children?

We want to hear your ideas and views as your voice and experience is of value. It is the bringing together of these views that can offer the opportunity to effect change where it is needed.

You can get involved in various ways:

Receiving email updates by becoming a member

Taking part in surveys, consultations and workshops

Attending Local Authority meetings to represent the forum

If you are a parent carer of a child or young person (aged 0-25) with additional needs who lives in Birmingham and/or whose child uses Birmingham Education, Health or Social Care Services you can become a member of the forum.

Sign up to become a Forum Member today!

If you would like to become a member it couldn't be easier!

You can visit our website to see more information about the roles available and other ways to get involved with the Forum.

Complete the online form on our website or use this QR code.



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