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Message from the Chair

I wanted to extend my huge thanks to all of the parent carers out there who have helped the PCF grow over the last 12 months. To each and every one of you who completed our survey, attended our Forums and provided us with feedback. We have taken all of your comments and worked alongside the professionals to ensure that we continue to make things better for children and young people with SEND in Cheshire West.

I would also like to thank our fabulous parent volunteers who sit on our Steering Group, attend meetings and those of you who have recently joined us as School Reps. Without your dedication and hard work we wouldn't be able to achieve what we have this year.

Finally I want to extend my sincere thanks to Rob Robertson, our Vice Chair, who is stepping down from this role this year. He has been an incredible support to me and many others over a number of years - Thank you for all that you have done. Also welcome to Vanessa Usai who has taken on the mantle from Rob.

Please take a few moments to read what we have delivered this year and our plans for next. Please also spread the word to your friends and family who have children and young people with SEND so we can help support them too.

Julie Duff - Chair



Thank you to our members who attended the PCF AGM, if you would like to view the recording or read the Chair persons report please use the links below.

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PCF AGM Report



Parent Carer Forum
Cheshire West & Chester

We are Parents & Carers who have children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability (SEND).

Run by parents, for parents.

Free events. Opportunities to have a voice. Ask questions. Meet other parents and professionals from SEN Services, in Health, Education & Social Care.

The aim of the PCF is...

- To be the voice of as many parents/carers as possible.
- Influence decisions about gaps in services.
- Provide information and signposting to Professionals and Voluntary Organisations.
- Co-produce improvements to Services so that all children and young people in the Borough with SEND are given the chance to achieve the best possible outcomes.



Parents appreciate the support of the parent carer forum (PCF). This helps parents' voices to be better heard by leaders. The PCF is included in many strategic workstreams and boards. This makes sure that the views of parents and carers are considered in strategic planning.

Adam Sproston,
HMI Lead Inspector - Ofsted



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Our Forum is freely available to all parents or carers who access Special Educational Needs or Disability services within the Borough of Cheshire West and Chester.

Come along to our free events to find out what's going on in Cheshire West & Chester and tell us about what's important to you, your child or young person. Check our website for more information nearer the time of the event as some details could change and extra speakers/items added to the agendas.

In Person Forums

November 23rd 2022

Chester Venue tbc

10am - 2pm

**Mental Health Services
Social Care**

March 22nd 2023

Northwich Winsford Venue tbc

10am - 2pm

**Review of Services
Meet the Professionals**

May 24th 2023

Ellesmere Port Venue tbc

10am - 2pm

**Mediation Services
Transition to Adulthood**

Virtual Forums

Virtual Forums held live on Zoom, recorded and available later on our website.

September 21st 2022

7pm - 8.30pm

Benefits and Carers

18th January 2023

10am - 11.30am

**Social Care including
an explanation
of Direct Payments**

April 19th 2023

10am - 11.30am

**A Roadmap and introduction
to Special Educational Needs
- where to find support.**

For more details or to book, visit our website:
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Information Advice and Support Service (IASS) - Tel 0300 123
7001 <https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/1279>

SEN Team - Tel 0151 337 6505
senteam@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Starting Well - <http://www.startingwell.org.uk/>

West Cheshire 0-16 CAMHS Tel - 01244 393200
<https://www.cwp.nhs.uk/services-and-locations/services/west-cheshire-0-16-camhs/>

Get Involved with the PCF...

We are always looking for new parents and carers to join us. You can attend meetings, give feedback to influence the services your child or young person uses or help us to identify the gaps in services. Also, a chance to meet other parents and learn about what's on offer in Cheshire West & Chester.

To contact us.....visit our website www.pcfcheshirewest.org

email secretary.pcf.cwac@gmail.com

or join us for one of our meetings.

We hope to see you soon!



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