

NELPCF Open Meet Report

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What's it all about?



As a brand new Parent Carer Forum, we wanted to keep it simple. We always want to keep in mind what we are doing, and why we are doing it.

The 'what'

Represent as many families of children and young people (0-25) with SEND, to gather feedback about experiences of services, provision and support in North East Lincolnshire and identify potential improvements.

The 'why'

To drive positive change, working with the Local Authority, Professionals and Service providers for the best possible outcome for those families.

150% Increase in Membership!

We know it's early days, but we were so thrilled with the turnout to our first Open Meet. The enthusiasm of parent carers in attendance to help us drive positive change by sharing their experiences was incredible to see and hear- and all the motivation we needed to keep going!



We asked you...

What do you want from a Forum?



What Services or Professionals would you like to hear from?

What training or information events would you like?



What would you like to change?

Some of the things you said...

Support

Understanding friends

A Facebook page or social group

Educational Psychologist

Psychologist

Preparing for Adulthood/ Transitions

Help with Benefits

Young Minds Matter

Preparing for meetings

Preparing for Annual Reviews (EHCP)

Sensory

Assistive technology

Behavioural therapy/self regulation

Assessments

More communication

More honesty

Less red tape/jumping through hoops

Judgement from schools

Parent friendly documents and forms

Thank you

We need you to share your experiences so we know where to focus to create change. Thank you for taking the time to let us know!



**So, what
next?**



ACTION



We're already in communication with the Local Authority and building those professional relationships so we can work together effectively. We believe genuine co-production is the key to the best outcomes for families; we want to bring you the opportunity to take part in the best way for you.

Quick wins

If we can change something quickly and easily- we will!



- We will be creating a Facebook Page, allowing you to follow us. We'll do our best to provide you with information about what we're doing, and reach as many of you as possible with opportunities for consultation and feeding back.
- Signposting- we did our best to signpost you to the right places for help and support today. We know it can help just to know what next steps to take, so we'll be building on that and brushing up our local knowledge.
- More Open Meets! You asked us when we're meeting next. The good news is, we are happy to continue this format for as long as it works- we'll agree a date and let you know soon.



TO DO LIST

Our to-do list continues to grow. We are all parent carers ourselves and dedicate as much time to NELPCF as we can, but family life always comes first- as it should! In the short time we have been established we have already managed to get our website up and running. Our short terms goals are:

- To continue to update the website content
- To feedback the common themes that arose today with the Local Authority
- To see where we can work with established LA support groups or coffee morning to bring information and professionals to you

You can find out more about what we're doing on the 'What's happening?' page of our  website www.nelpcf.org.uk

Thank you- for helping us to help you. We look forward to seeing you again soon! 😊