

A new Parent Carer Forum for Newcastle

We are in the process of setting up a new Parent Carer Forum in Newcastle and would really like to have your views.

A parent carer forum is a group of parents and carers of children with special educational needs and or disability (SEND). The aim is to make sure the services in your area meet the needs of SEND children, young people 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.

Forums usually have a steering group of parents who lead this work and listen to the views of other parents in the local area to make sure they know what is important to them. Forums are keen to hear from as many parent carers as possible.

Who can join a parent carer forum?

Parents or carers of a child with any type of additional need or disability are welcome to join. Joining your forum does not mean you have to commit lots of time. In most forums you can join and receive information, and then decide if you want to get more involved at your own pace.

Contact are working with Skills for People in Newcastle to develop a new forum and we would really like to hear your views on how you think the forum would work best for you. We would like to invite you to a meeting to hear your views, the meeting will be on the 19th March 10-00am to 1-00pm at the Berwick Room, Newcastle City Library, 33 New Bridge St W, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AX.

If you are unable to attend the meeting the link below is a survey and it will be an opportunity for you to provide your contact details if you would like to be involved or be kept informed about your Parent Carer Forum.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NJSLMHS>

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