

Poole Parent Carer Forum News

We are delighted to have so many new Poole Parent Carer Forum (PAX) members via the Add-On register and wish to warmly welcome you to the forum.

PAX have undergone some changes recently and we are now being supported by The Rose Road Association. Rose Road have been working with children and adults with disabilities and health needs and their families since 1952 so are well placed to support our Parent Forum. We are really excited about the future of the forum and hope to become stronger and more responsive in our approach to supporting families and children with SEND. We have relaunched with a new name, logo, website and administrator (Sharon Moore) and will keep you up to date with new developments.

In the Autumn Term we started looking for new members to join a steering group to support and influence the development of the online Local Offer with the Family Information Service. We are looking forward to meeting you and making a difference together!

Rose Road Enquiries: Poolepcf@roseroad.org.uk

We are seeking to reach out to old and new members who are parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 who have additional needs/disabilities, to join our forum so that we can ensure that their views form part of vital decision-making. In this way, we influence services to improve and to meet the needs of our children and our families.



<http://www.poolepcf.org.uk/>



Hello My name is: **Sharon Moore**, I am the Administrator for

Poole Parent Carer Forum. I am a Mum to 2 children, Matthew 12, who has ASD, SPD, GDD, Dyspraxia and Charlotte who is 9.

We have 2 dogs, Tiny and Jessie, that we enjoy taking out on walks, its one of the few things Matthew enjoys doing as a family. I enjoy going to concerts, festivals and shows with my Husband and children. My way to relax though is a large glass of Red Wine, a good film and my cross stitching!!

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Poole Parent carer Forum Launch

October 17th 2017



Sharon Moore tells us more about Poole PCF's recent launch event:

"On Tuesday 17 October 2017, we hosted our launch of the Poole Parent Carer Forum, it was a great day where we had 16 parents attend and 12 professionals. We had support from CAMHS, SENDIASS, Short Breaks, Borough of Poole, Southampton PCF and lots of Poole parents/carers. It was lovely to hear the real life stories from some of our parents highlighting the positives and negatives to caring for a SEN child."



"We have 7 new parents who have signed up to join the forum. We are looking to hold a drop in coffee morning on the 31st October to chat with our new parents and to hopefully attract some more. We are hoping to start holding regular coffee morning and workshops at our local community room at Tesco, for which we have managed to secure a regular booking every Tuesday during term time."

"I have now completed my first half term as administrator and it has been great fun, I cannot wait to see the difference we can make to the future for our young children..." **Sharon**



Participation Training

23rd November 2017

We held a Participation Training Day, which explained the benefits of participation, the role of parent carer forums and showed how to be more effective in having your voice heard by local, regional and national decision makers in order to improve outcomes for local families with children/young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities.

It was well attended by 11 parents.

“It was inspiring to think that many parents around the country can form a collective voice towards change. Thank you for organising it all.” Rebecca —parent.



“Thank you so much. It was brilliant. Really enjoyable and indeed feel empowered to want to help make change .” Dee - Parent

“Very informative meetings. Interesting to meet other parents/carers, share views and experiences. A great opportunity to get involved with shaping the services on offer within the local authority for all parents/carers with children with SEND.” Louise—Parent

NNPCF National AGM—Manchester

27th—28th November 2017



27th & 28th November, I attended the NNPCF National AGM

It was a great event and we shared ideas with many other Forums all over the UK. We have come back buzzing with ideas! It is really empowering to see how Parent Carer Forums can work together to make such huge differences. The Conference is held annually in different locations, so it would be great if other parents from Poole PCF can attend and be inspired like we were.

Calling all parents - we need you!

The following is the list of topics the Forum is involved in at the moment.

We attend meetings with the **Local Authority** and Partner Organisations and give our views on the suggestions being made. Together, we are able to shape and influence local services and help to make them fit the needs of our children and Young People.

Getting involved is easy!

Join as a **member** of the Forum to receive our **Newsletters** and have the opportunity to feedback your views via surveys.

To become more involved become a member of our **Steering Group** and join other local parents in making your views heard!

INTEGRATED HEALTH - How new legislation is transferred into everyday living including. EHC plans.
Transitioning Young people to Adults

TRANSFORMING CARE- Young people transitions upwards includes Adults.

· Deals with Health Housing in BOP /DORSET and

SEND STRATEGY. Meeting with Borough Of Poole heads of departments and guest speakers.
We meet bi monthly

Cluster Meetings: can be held locally, including Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset.
Regionally with other forums within the South West.

Short Breaks:- Meetings held with Short Break lead during the year discussing ways forward in catering for all diagnosis and ages.
Any thoughts on the short breaks your child is receiving?
We can take your views forward to the short break teams.

Coffee Mornings: - 2018

We would like to hold coffee mornings at schools, SEN and mainstream. We want to build relationships with schools and parents of SEN children. If you are interesting in holding a coffee morning at your school, we would love to come!!

It is easy to get involved, contact me!

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