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A Parent Carer Forum is a local, independent group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND). Its main purpose is to make sure families' experiences and views help shape the planning, delivery and improvement of local services.

Who can join?

Salford Parent Carer Forum is open to any Salford resident who is a Parent Carer, Foster Carer, Grandparent or family member and care for a child/young person aged 0-25 who has (or may have) a Special Educational Need or Disability,

How much does it cost?

NOTHING!! Salford Parent Carer Forum do not charge families to become a member, or for any of their activities, events or drop-ins.

Are we a campaign group?

No. Forums are not campaigning groups, but they:

- Point out problems early
- Highlight gaps in provision
- Challenge services constructively
- Check whether improvements have actually happened

They work WITH services and help keep the system accountable without being adversarial.

Where to find our more!



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How do we work with services?

Parent Carer Forums work with services through a model called co-production, meaning parents and professionals work together as equal partners to design and improve SEND services. Here's how it works in practice:

Forums have scheduled meetings with:

- SEND leads in the council
- Education services (e.g., SEND Teams, transport, EHCP leads)
- Health services (e.g., CAMHS, paediatrics, therapies)
- Social care teams

In these meetings, parent representatives share families' experiences, raise concerns, and suggest improvements.

The help shape policies, design pathways or support service improvement.

How can I share my views?

There are lots of ways you can have your say.

You can:

- Join our online private Parent Carer support group (Via Facebook)
- Look out for our online polls and survey (You can find all our current surveys on the "Have your say" page on our website)
- Come to one of our drop-ins or meet ups
- Attend any of our events - we hold an Annual SEND Information Day each spring as well as smaller events throughout the year.
- See if we are linked in with your child's school - we often run coffee mornings in some schools.
- Take part in our Annual SEND Survey - This goes out each Autumn and is a great way to share your views and experiences.

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