



We understand what it's like

Being a parent carer can be an isolating experience. But here at DPCC we understand what this is like from our own experiences.

Through our workshops, events and activities we hope you will be able to meet other parents, form friendships and find mutual support and understanding.



Knowledge is crucial

When you are the parent or carer of a child or young person with additional needs, the more knowledge you have the easier you will find it to negotiate 'the system'.

We organise workshops where you can gain information on a variety of topics, all designed to empower you and to help your child.

We can also signpost you to other local and national organisations who provide support, including health advice, short break opportunities, financial information and more.



Find out more

You can read more about us and what we do by visiting our website which has helpful resources and videos. You can also follow us on social media.

Or please, just contact us. We'd love to hear from you. (Details on the back page)



National Network of Parent Carer Forums

"Our strength is our shared experience"

Contact us at any time for information; signposting; support groups or to tell us

*what is working well,
what's not working, or
it would it be better if.....?*

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DORSET PARENT CARER COUNCIL



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Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Dorset?

Do you want better services for them?

Let us help to make your voice heard.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



About us

Formed in 2009, Dorset Parent Carer Council is a parent led independent organisation working to ensure that every parent carer in Dorset* feels that their voice, views and experiences matter and contribute toward developing and improving services for our children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) (*Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole have their own forum).



Who we work with

- Parents and Carers of children/young people with SEND
- Dorset Special Education Needs & Disability Support Service (SENDIASS)
- Dorset Council and Local Health professionals
- Schools and other education providers
- Other organisations such as support groups and activity providers
- The National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF)
- Contact (national charity)



How we collect your views and experiences

- Face to face - at organised events and workshops.
- By email and telephone
- Online Parent Carer feedback forms
- Posts on our Facebook and Twitter pages
- Surveys and questionnaires



Participation and Coproduction

This is how we work; it means working constructively together with professionals to influence the way that services and provision are designed, commissioned, and delivered.

Wherever possible we will work to achieve our aims by working this way.



Who can get involved

A 'diagnosis' is not important to us. You are welcome to join us if your child has any condition that makes it a challenge for them to enjoy normal day to day activities or learning.



How we are funded

We apply annually for a grant from the Department of Education and as a charity we also apply for other grants and funding.



Campaigning

We acknowledge the important role that campaign groups have in helping to get parents' and carers' voices heard. Our funding constraints do not prevent us from supporting or raising awareness of these groups. However, we do not actively campaign or use our grant money to fund any campaigning activity.

Become a member and ...

- receive information about opportunities for you to help shape local and national services
- be notified about opportunities to meet like-minded families at workshops, events and training
- receive the latest news about all things 'SEND' (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)
- take part in questionnaires and surveys concerning SEND related services
- tell us about your experiences so that we can feed this back to our local authority and health services

3 easy ways to join

1. **BY POST:** Simply fill in your details below, then detach and post this slip to our 'membership' address on the back page.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:.....

Email:.....

Phone: *Preferably mobile*.....

2. **VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** and click the 'membership form' link on the home page.

3. **SCAN THE CODE BELOW:** make it really quick and easy.



JOIN ONLINE NOW
SCAN THE QR CODE TO
COMPLETE AN ONLINE FORM