

Annual National Conference of Parent Carer Forums

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Planning Partners

Welcome from Conference Hosts

Tina Emery, Co-chair, NNPCF

**Carolyn Deveney, Head of Parent Carer Participation,
Contact**

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10:10 – 10:20	Amanda Batten, Contact (10 min presentation)
10:20 – 10:30	Suzanne Lunn DfE – address Mrunal Sisodia - Reading of Minister's letter
10:30 – 11:45	SEND Review - interactive table-top exercise led by Contact, the NNPCF and the Council for Disabled Children
11:45 – 12:00	Break
12:00 – 12:25	Working in Partnership Genevieve Ileris, Healthwatch England
12:25 – 13:30	Lunch & networking
13:30– 14.15	Q&A panel
14:15 – 14:30	Making Participation work: Young People's Participation in SEND strategy and synergy with parent carer forums Paul Crawte & Laura Dixon, KIDS
14:30 – 14:50	Next year and beyond - support for PCFs, Contact (table exercise)
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15.00 – 15.05	Chairs' closing remarks

'Rain Storm'

Warm-up activity

Rachel King and Sue Mennear,

Contact



Contact's opening address

**Amanda Batten,
Chief Executive Officer,
Contact**

DfE address

**Suzanne Lunn, Deputy Director for Special Educational Needs and
Disability policy, Department for Education**

Minister's letter

Mrunal Sisodia, Co-chair, NNPCF

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To: Carolyn Deveney, Head of Participation, Contact
Tina Emery and Mrunal Sisodia, co-chairs of the
National Network of Parent Carer Forums

4 November 2019

Dear Carolyn, Tina and Mrunal,

**CONTACT AND NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARENT CARER FORUMS
CONFERENCE: 7 NOVEMBER**

You will already have heard from Departmental officials that I am no longer able to speak at your conference on 7 November. I wanted to write and personally explain the position, and to apologise for having to pull out at such short notice and for the inevitable inconvenience and disruption that this will cause you.

I firmly believe that the system for special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) is improved if it is influenced strongly by the voice of parents, and children and young people with SEND. The work that parent carer forums up and down the country do to ensure that voice is heard, and to work in coproduction with local authorities and other organisations, is invaluable. Equally important is the work you do to provide leadership and direction, and to support, and input into, national policy. These are clearly having an important and positive impact and I am extremely grateful for all your hard work.

I am so disappointed not to be able to attend your conference, and to meet and talk to you and parents because it falls in the pre-Election period. As I am sure you know, during this time, I am unable to take on these kind of commitments. It is doubly disappointing that the meeting I had scheduled with Mrunal and Tina on 4 December cannot now go ahead either. I am pleased, however, that Departmental officials will be able to attend your conference.

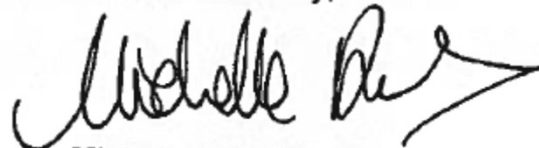


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My very best wishes for a successful conference, and for continued success to ensure coproduction becomes the way of working in every local area in England.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Donelan'.

**Michelle Donelan MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Children and Families**



The SEND Review

**Interactive table-top exercise led by
Contact, the NNPCF and the Council for
Disabled Children**



Tea, coffee and comfort break

Please be reseated in 15 minutes

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Healthwatch England

**Genevieve Ileris,
External Affairs and Policy,
Healthwatch England**



Lunch break

**Please be back in your seats ready for the
afternoon session by 1.30pm**

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Question & Answer panel

**Chaired by Kath Bromfield,
NNPCF Steering group member (North West)**



Making Participation Work: Young People's participation in SEND strategy, and synergy with parent carer forums

Paul Crawte, Head of Young People's Strategy, KIDS
**Laura Dixon, Young People's Participation and Engagement
Co-ordinator, KIDS**

Future forum support

Contact

Current support offer from Contact: -

- A named parent carer participation advisor
- Support and advice to forums in relation to the grant process
- An annual event hosted by Contact and the NNPCF
- Information and resources to support forum's engagement with health partners locally, and routes to provide feedback on parent carer experiences to NHS England and other national health bodies via our Strategic Health Lead.
- At least eight webinars over the course of the year
- Regular news and updates on the issues that matter to forums
- Intensive support through our associate pool or mediators when significant issues arise.
- Community Matters subscription to help with governance and legal issues
- Learning & Development: DARE Resilience workshops and Leading your Forum course

Next steps and vision going forward

**NNPCF
Contact**

Plenary

Thank you to everyone for attending today:

Forums

Speaker and QA Panel members

Delivery Partners

With thanks to Seashell Trust



We hope you have safe journeys home



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**Please
don't forget to fill in your
feedback sheet 😊**

