

Parent Carer Forum (PCF) funding increase announcement

We're really pleased to be able to confirm that the Department for Education (DfE) has announced that they are continuing to fund SEND contracts next year, including the strategic participation of parent carer forums, children and young people. In recognition of the amazing work that parent carer forums do to influence local, regional and national services, policy, and legislation for children and young people with SEND, forums' annual Department for Education grant funding has been increased by £2,500, to £17,500 per year.

A representative from the DfE said 'We are pleased to announce that we will re-awarding current contracts and grants which enable schools, colleges, families and local authorities, to support thousands of children with SEND. This includes providing up to £17,500 for each Parent Carer Forum – an increase of £2,500 compared to 2020-21 - to strengthen the participation of parents in the SEND system'

Tina Emery and Mrunal Sisodia, Co-Chairs of the NNPCF stated that 'The National Network of Parent Carer Forums are really pleased that there is an extension to the strategic participation contract and we look forward to working with all parties within the consortium over the coming year. We are delighted that the DfE has recognised the difference that forums make, which is reflected in the £2,500 increase in the grant funding'.

We're really proud to support parent carer participation - to see how forums have developed over the years, and that they have become such strong and respected organisations.

We look forward to continuing to work with all parent carer forums, the National Network of Parent Carer Forums and our other strategic participation consortium partners CDC and KIDS over the coming year.

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