

Virtual National Conference of Parent Carer Forums

#LetsParticipate21

Planning Partners

Welcome from Conference Hosts

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Conference Programme

Monday	
11.30 – 12.00	Introduction to 2021 Virtual Conference.
13:00 to 14:30	Compassionate Communication and the power of empathy, with Barry Jones.
19:00 to 20.30	Alternative Provision: Vision for Reform, with Eleanor Harris, Department for Education.
Tuesday	
10:00 to 11:45	What are the Health priorities for the NHSE/I SEND programme and how can we continue to work together Nationally, Regionally, and Locally with parent carers? Lorraine Mulroney, NHSE/I, SEND Regional Health Leads & NNPCF.
13:00 to 14.30	Finding out what works in practice, and what needs to change. Dame Christine Lenehan, Director, Council for Disabled Children.
Wednesday	
10:00 to 10:20	Ministerial keynote speeches – Rt Hon. Nadhim Zahawi MP, Secretary of State for Education & Will Quince MP, Under Secretary of State (Children and Families Minister).
11:00 to 12.30	Engaging well with young people's forums with Paul Crawte and Heather Harper, KIDS.
13.30 to 14.30	Live Q&A with Suzy Powell: Deputy Director, Department for Education & André Imich, SEN and Disability Professional Adviser, Department for Education.
19:00 to 20.30	Creating welcoming and inclusive PCFs: Introducing the new Diversity Toolkit, with Katie Donovan-Adekanmbi, Diversity Trust.

'Opening address'

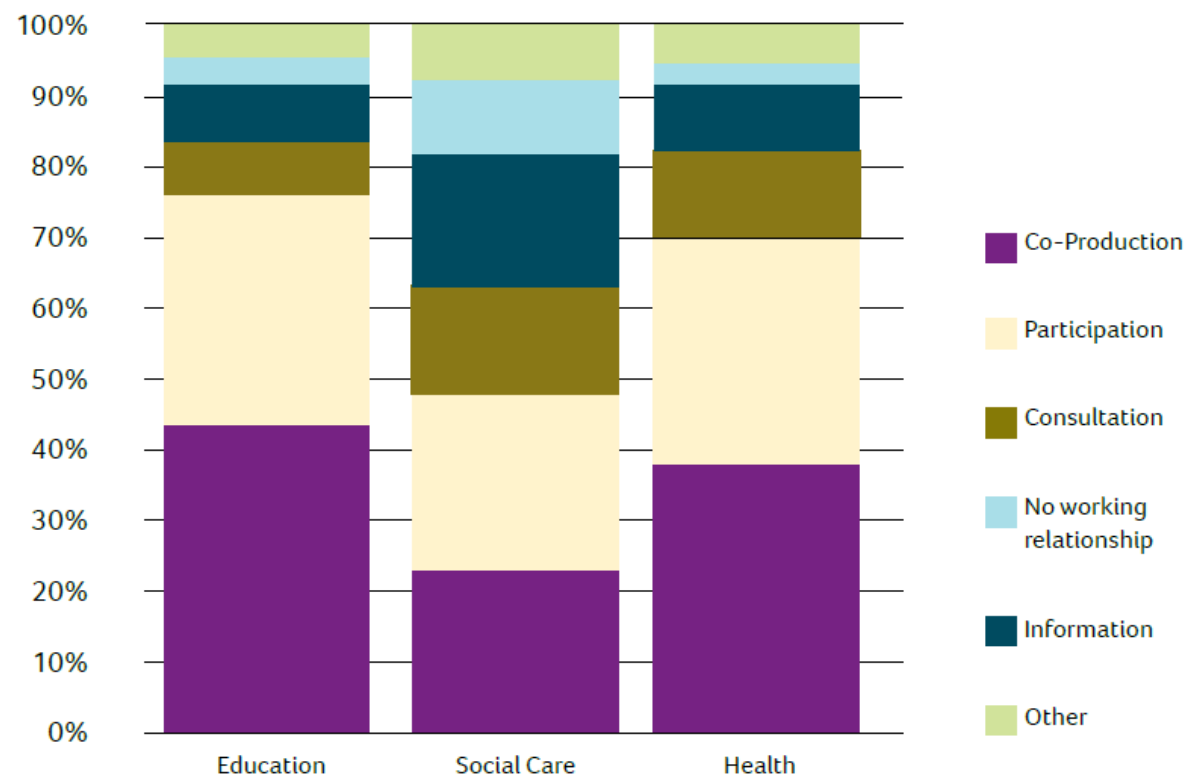
2020-21 overview of the year

**Amanda Batten, Chief Executive Officer,
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Forums.. Participating

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT OF PARENT CARER FORUMS

Forum relationships in 2020/21



Forums: Supporting families



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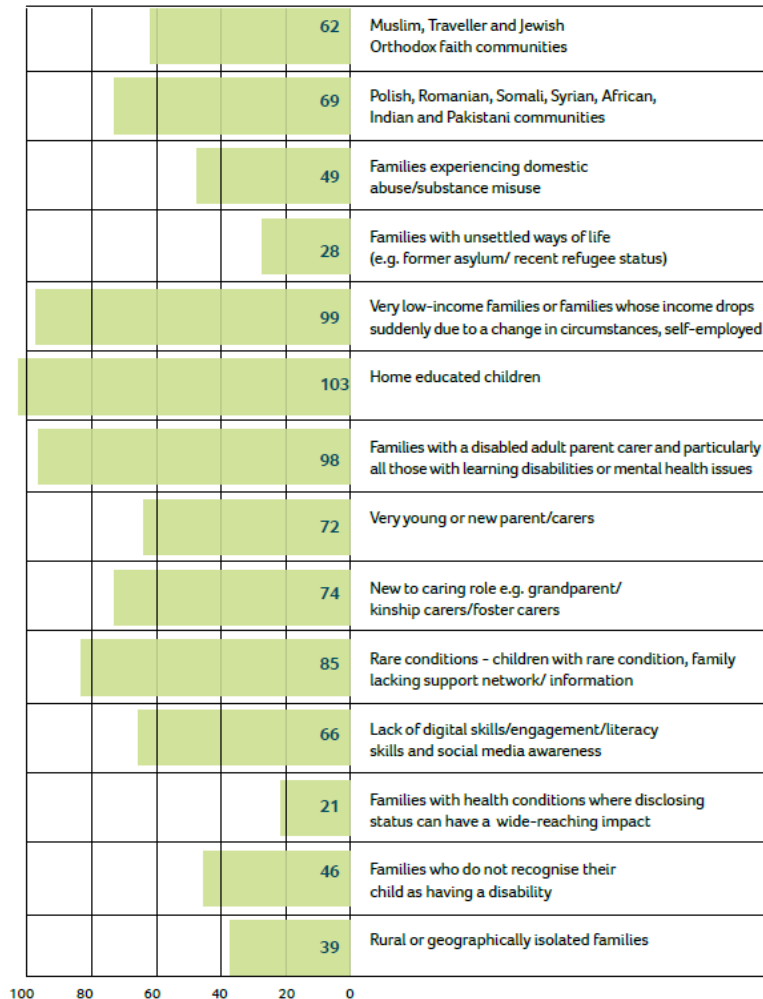


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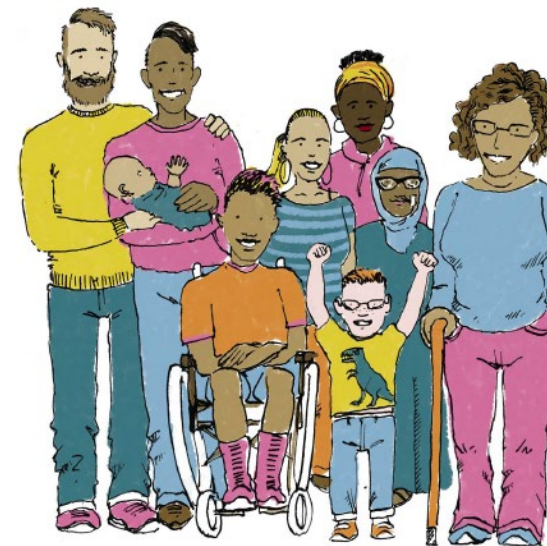
Forums: Reach and Inclusion

Which of these groups has your forum successfully managed to engage with in 2020/21?



Diversity and Inclusion Toolkit

Building welcoming, inclusive community representation in parent carer forums



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THE DIVERSITY TRUST
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Contact through Covid

We supported 196,000 families over the year

- Information, advice and 121 support – no break in helpline service and 44% increase in users of advice webpages
- Emergency support packages to those in need – food, IT etc
- New Listening Ear service for in-depth emotional and practical support
- Fledglings – free sensory and other products for families to use at home
- 300+ online workshops and podcasts
- £600k out to Forums and Rare Conditions Groups to support families through Pears/DCMS

How we can help:

- You can refer or book families in for a Listening Ear appointment on Eventbrite
- You can send new families a free copy of the Helpful Guide for Families with Disabled Children
- Get in touch if there are workshops /sessions we could usefully run in your area



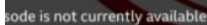
Campaigning for Covid Vaccine access

Disabled children's Partnership

- Government's Covid response
- Funding for short breaks/respite
- Evidence 'Then there was silence'
- Awareness raising
- Policy change

Counting the Costs – financial impact of the pandemic





ness. The DCF found that over half of families (55 per cent) with dis-



National Network of Parent Carer Forums

'Our Strength Is Our Shared Experience'

Yesterday, today and tomorrow

The work of the NNPCF in representing parent carers of children and young people with SEND

It doesn't get any easier...

- ▶ Covid has caused new harms and exacerbated existing issues
 - ▶ Mental health and anxiety
 - ▶ Re-entry into school
 - ▶ Learning loss and catch up
- ▶ Covid has further stressed the SEND system which was at breaking point even before Covid 19
 - ▶ Even longer waits for health services
 - ▶ Lower school attendance for SEND pupils

...but you've risen to the challenge (again)

- ▶ Virtual coffee mornings
- ▶ Signposting services
- ▶ Conducting surveys
- ▶ Highlighting the issues
- ▶ Supported each other
- ▶ Supported the work of the NNPCF
- ▶ Been a mum, dad, grandparent, or a carer

Anger



Trust



For this year, we identified four priorities

Support the recovery from Covid 19

- Ensure that the parental voice is heard and work with government and the NHS to ensure that children with SEND are not further disadvantaged through recovery..

The NHS Long Term Plan

- Represent SEND families in the development and implementation of the NHS Long Term Plan which includes many important changes that will support our children.

Improve accountability in the SEND system

- Work with Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission to develop the next phase of local area inspections and continue our work on the SEND tribunal single route of redress.

The SEND Review (and some others)

- Engage in the work of the SEND review to support the DfE to create the far reaching changes we believe are necessary

Support the recovery from Covid 19

Yesterday

Worked with government and the NHS to represent SEND in response to Covid

- Changed lockdown guidance to accommodate the needs of those with SEND
- Inserted language into schools guidance emphasising the need to coproduce with families
- £1bn of schools catch up funding could be spent on SEND services (such as SALT)
- Return to school guidance emphasised a holistic approach not just attendance and behaviour

Today

Attend at key Covid 19 boards and committees including:

- DfE Covid 19 Schools Recovery Advisory Group
- DfE Covid 19 Vulnerable Children and Young People's Board
- NHSE CYP Stakeholder Council
- NHSE Learning Disability and Autism Coronavirus Partners Group

Tomorrow

- Anxiety and mental health issues
- Attendance at school
- Learning loss and missed therapies
- Accessing targeted and specialist services
- Identify and address new and hidden harms
- Importance of reasonable adjustments
- Vaccination of clinically vulnerable children

NHS Long Term Plan



Yesterday

- Worked with NHS partners to inform and empower forums on the NHS Long Term Plan

Today

- Appointed strategic partner for the Learning Disability and / or Autism (LDA) workstream
- Appointed to the LDA CYP Board
- Embedded in key LTP projects - keyworking, admissions avoidance, autism in schools,

Tomorrow

- Ensuring that the parent carer voice is represented on NHS Boards
- Supporting forums to engage in the set up of Integrated Care Systems
- Roll out of key LDA and SEND projects regionally and locally

Improve accountability in the SEND system



Yesterday

- Worked with Ofsted and CQC to develop the local area inspection framework including revisits and Covid 19 research visits
- Fed into Ofsted for the changes to the schools inspection regime
- Worked for the extension of the powers of the SEND tribunal to make non binding judgements on health and social care

Today

- Attend the Ofsted / CQC local area inspection framework stakeholder group
- Establishing relations with the new leaders at Ofsted for SEND

Tomorrow

- Working to shape the new local area inspection framework

The SEND Review (and some others)

Yesterday

- Extensive input into initial engagement of the review team
- Developed our thinking on what needs to change through our “skunkworks” sessions
- Joined the dots with the Review into Children’s social care and behavioural hubs

Today

- NNPCF co-chairs invited to join re-constituted SEND review steering group
- Responding to the “Call for ideas” from the children’s social care review

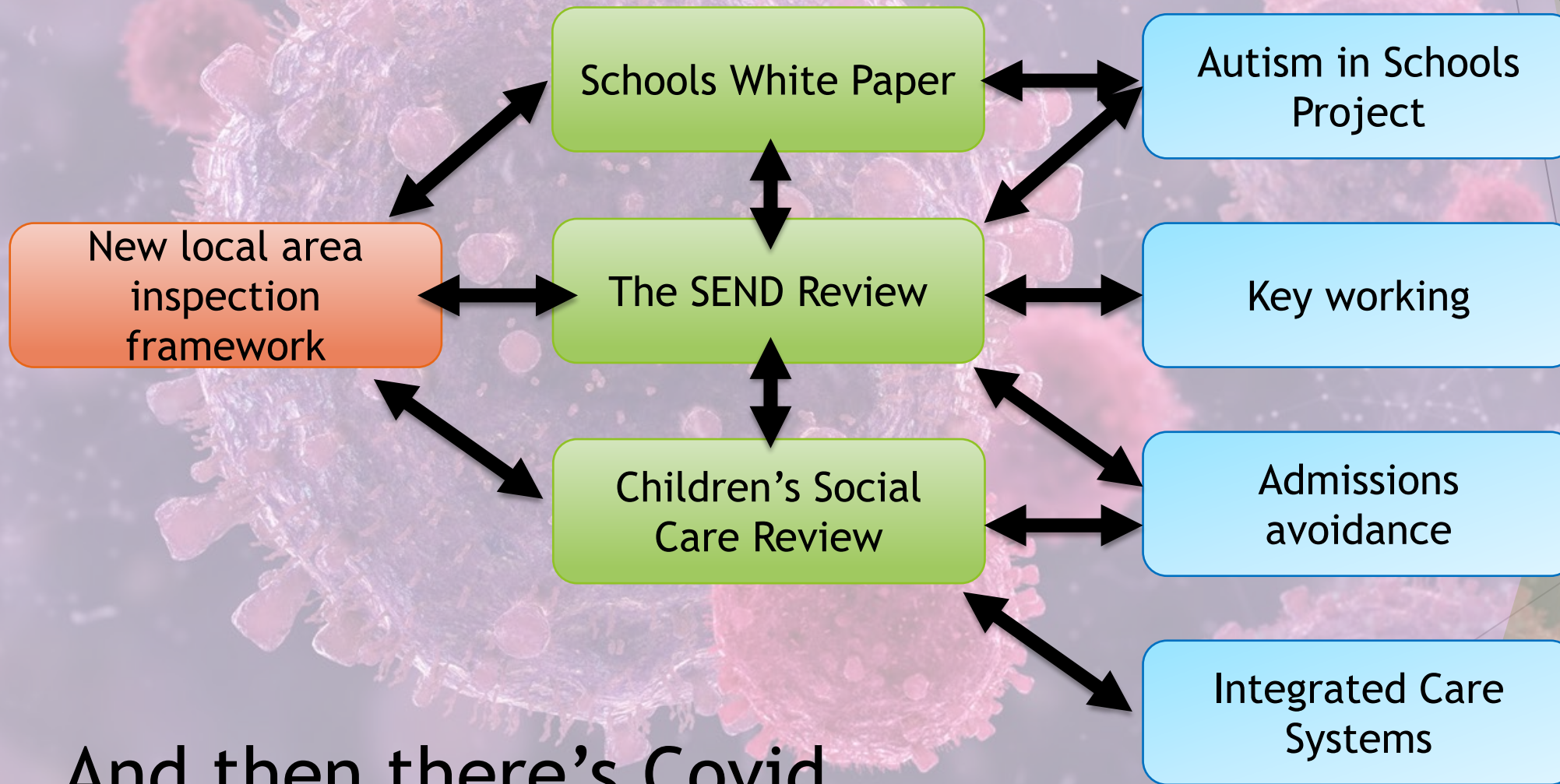
Tomorrow

- Extensive NNPCF consultation into the SEND review proposals
- Working to join the dots between the SEND review, the Children’s social care review and the schools white paper



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And of course, they are all connected



And then there's Covid...



The next year is going to be critical

Parent Carer Forums and the NNPCF are going to play a key role in shaping the future

**Enjoy the conference, and
please complete an evaluation
after each session.**