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story to tell?



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‘Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.’



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## Parent carers influencing and improving services in Central Bedfordshire

SNAP PCF CIC is a pro-active, independent Forum of parent carers who all have children or young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and between 0-25 years of age.

We are a parent participation forum enabling parent carers to participate in developing and influencing local services. We work with service providers, individuals and organisations to bring a real-life perspective and experience to the planning and development of the services that our families use.

We focus on helping to raise the standard of Social Care, Education and Health Services within Central Bedfordshire, to ensure that these services are provided in a way that meets the needs of all disabled children and their families locally. When appropriate we constructively challenge and see ourselves as a 'critical friend' to service providers who welcome our input.

## We need you

Parent participation means parents and professionals working together to improve services so that they better meet families' needs. As parent carers please tell us your experiences, whether good, bad or indifferent. What did you or do you need as a family? What would have made things better for you? Service providers listen to our views as we can identify what works well, what needs improving and what's missing - typically referred to as 'gaps in provision'.

SNAP works as an equal partner with our Local Authority and Health providers to 'co-produce', this means that we are part of the decision-making process from the very beginning of an idea. We recognise the benefits of working in partnership when planning, developing, implementing or reviewing a service.

To be able to accurately represent what families want and need we must gather as much information as possible about the services families receive locally. Therefore, we seek the views of all parent carers within Central Bedfordshire in order to understand their needs and the challenges they face.

You are warmly invited to attend one of our focus meetings, coffee mornings or workshops. Please tell us your experiences: Good, bad or indifferent, what did or do you need as a family, what would have made things better for you? All information is recorded anonymously and used to influence and drive our priorities as a Forum. We are unable to take on individual cases and cannot advocate for families.

