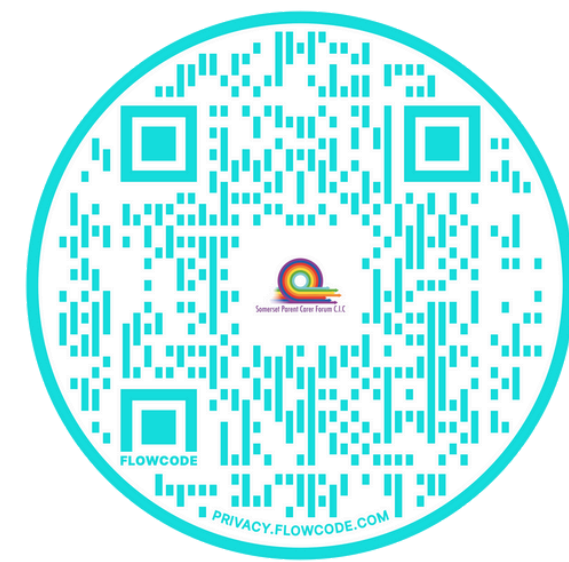




Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC



What is a forum?

Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC is a not for profit community interest company formed by parents carers of disabled children.

Our aim is to make sure the services in Somerset meet the needs of disabled children and their families.

Forums are independent and not part of the council or health service.



How do we help to make services meet childrens needs?

Our forum promotes parental voice to influence change through listening events, discussion groups and working groups.

We gather the views of local families and work with the council, education settings, health providers and other providers to highlight where local services are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

Who can join a forum ?

The forum is open to parent carers, family members, guardians and foster parents of children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities 0-25 (no diagnosis needed).

If you live in Somerset or access services from education, health or social care in Somerset, we would love you to join us.

WELCOME

Is the forum a campaign group?



No, as a Community Interest Company we are prohibited from political campaigning. In addition the funding we receive cannot be used to campaign.

Campaigning is also not aligned with the forum's ethos to work with services to help them understand the experiences of families and find solution to issues.

We influence change through working together and constructive challenge service providers.

The forum acknowledges the important role that campaign groups have in helping to get the voice of parents heard. We are happy to work with campaign groups by feeding back the issues they raise and providing them with information.

Does it cost to be part of the forum?

No. Parent Carer Forums are FREE to join. You will not be charged to be part of the forum.

You will receive a newsletter which shares information about social events and ways you can share your views and experiences of services.



Ways you can get involved

There are lots of different ways to get involved from completing a survey or attending an event. Everyone is welcome.

There are also roles such as steering group members and parent carer representatives within the forum.

The more people that get involved, the more we can accurately represent what it is like for children, young people and their families.



How can I find out more?

You can find our more by visiting:

Website - www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk
Facebook- www.facebook.com/SomersetParentCarerForum
X - @SomersetPForum
Instagram - @somerset_parent_carer_forum

You can also contact us:

Phone - 01458 259384 or 07543 680365
Email - getinvolved@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk

You can also join our closed group for parent carers at www.facebook.com/findingyourway



Shaping services together for families of birth to 25 year olds with additional needs or disabilities in Somerset