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**Welcome to latest newsletter!**

Hello All,

We hope you had an ok and not too stressful summer holiday and that getting your children/ young people sorted for the new term has not been too difficult. As we get ready for the new term at the forum lots of work is being planned or has already started.

Look out for participation

opportunities in areas relating to education, health and social care. There are going to be breakfast meetings, focus groups, movie afternoons and much more to enable you to participate.

Also check out the section of this newsletter where we put a call out for volunteer parent representatives. We would love you to join the team and the

commitment is only for up to 5 hours per month with all training and support provided. Nothing too scary we hope.

Finally there is still much support out there for parent carers in term time and we have highlighted some of this in the 'Spot Light' section of this newsletter

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**Don't bin me, pass me on to other parents!**



**Trustee Update**

Hello all,

1. We would like to let you know that you can now view our first years annual returns as a CIO on the charity commission website
2. We would also like to welcome Natasha to the team, who joined the board of trustees in

3. June. We hope she enjoys her time in her new role. There is a recruitment drive for volunteers taking place and people wanting to know more can contact us on [treasurer@familyvoice.org](mailto:treasurer@familyvoice.org)

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Your Participation**

## National and Regional News

### NNPCF AGM and Annual Conference

A full agenda will be circulated closer to our event.

We are excited to let you know that for the second time we will be hosting the annual parent carer participation conference over two days. Parent carer forum representatives are invited to attend on both days but we will construct the agenda so that it is not essential that you do so.

Following last year's successful two-day conference we anticipate that 21 November will again include the NNPCF AGM, together with workshops and networking opportunities for parent carers. 22 November will be a full-day conference with a range of interesting keynote speakers, activities and discussions that will inspire and inform attendees.

See [full booking information and FAQs](#) for information about how to book, accommodation and much more.

### News on the contract to support parent carer and children and young people's participation

Contact and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF) are delighted to announce that the Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed that Contact, as part of a newly formed consortium with KIDS, the Council for Disabled Children (CDC) and the NNPCF, is the preferred bidder for the contract to support the strategic participation of

children, young people and parent carers and that they aim to sign a contract with us within a reasonable period.

All four organisations are delighted that our consortium bid has been successful, and we are looking forward to working together over the next two years to build on our current individual support offers, learning from each other's experiences and developing new synergised approaches that further enhance both children and young people's and parent carer participation.

We are really pleased to be able to continue working with parent carer forums and are also excited to be joining forces with KIDS and CDC to share learning and expertise between parent carer participation and participation with children and young people.

### Contact and NNPCF E-News

<https://us2.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=9eee2b1f9768ecfa9240bb161&id=1616de104a>

### Department for Education publishes latest forum SEND survey

The Department for Education (DfE) has published its latest newsletter, including the headline figures from the Autumn 2017 [special educational needs and disability \(SEND\)](#) implementation survey of local authorities and [parent carer forums](#) on the SEND reforms.

The surveys are coordinated jointly by Contact, the National Network of Parent Carer Forums, NHS England and the DfE. They help assess progress with the SEN reforms and help the government to identify what's working well and where additional resources are needed to meet the challenges involved in introducing the new system.

With less than a month to go until the implementation phase of the reforms is complete, there is still a very mixed picture of progress towards this deadline:

- 111, or 73% of parent carer forums responded to the survey.
- 69% of forums who completed the survey are now largely or fully engaged in strategic planning with their local authority.
- 49% of forums are confident that their local authority is meeting the 20-week deadline for producing at least 90% of [Education, Health and Care \(EHC\) plans](#).
- 82% of local authorities completed the survey.
- 20% said that children are fully or largely engaged in strategic planning of SEN services, 41% said that young people are fully or largely engaged, and 88% said that parents are fully or largely engaged.
- 38% are issuing at least 90% of EHC plans within 20 weeks.

## FVP— Volunteer Recruitment Drive

We are looking for volunteers in a number of roles

### Support/ Volunteer Gains:

- Travel and lunch expenses reimbursed where appropriate
- Gain experience of working for a charity
- Structured induction to the work of FVP
- Access to support as and when required including regular supervisions with relevant supervisor
- Training relating to the role you take up.

### Volunteer Fundraiser

#### Role Description:

To support the board of trustees in activities related to general charity fundraising

#### Key Tasks and Main Duties

- Support Charity and Forum Development Officer (CFDO) in fundraising events and activities.
- Assist CFDO in group meetings with fellow volunteers to come up with fundraising ideas.
- Assist in organising and running fundraising events
- Liaise with other organisations to both attend theirs and our events.
- Oversee events with fellow volunteers
- Meet regularly with CFDO to update progress from fundraising activities

- Complete action plan and ensure it is followed and updated

### Volunteer Parent Representative

#### Role Description:

To represent collectively parent carers of children and young people with disabilities and additional needs

#### Key Tasks and Main Duties

- Represent FVP at meetings and events
- To represent collectively families of children with disabilities or additional needs by providing a liaison point for Statutory and Voluntary Agencies within Peterborough.
- To fully complete reports after meetings
- To agree to undertake training when requested
- To attend meetings when required on behalf of FVP
- To attend pre-meeting briefings to obtain the information needed.
- To report back to the participation lead/ board of trustees
- To keep forum co-ordinator informed of meetings/ discussions/ outcomes
- To fully complete reports after meetings
- Any other participation duties as and when requested

#### When/ Commitment:

- Most meetings occur between the hours on 9.30 and 2.30 Monday to Friday
- Some work outside these

hours may be required and will be discussed in advance

- Approximately 3 hours per month and more if agreeable.

#### Skills/ Experience Required

- Parent Carer of Child or Young Person with a Disability or Special Education Needs up to the age of 25. We welcome applications from bereaved parents within five years of bereavement.
- Willing and able to report back to the Board of Trustee and other team members using the agreed reporting document
- To know when to personalise to empathise your point
- Ensuring input in to meetings is based on a representational model of involvement, and not purely based on personal experience
- Demonstrates and promotes parent carers' voice by parent carers at all levels
- Acknowledges that Parent carers have an independent and unique voice
- Models and promotes recognition of skills and experience of parent carers

#### EMAIL:

**Treasurer@familyvoice.org** for information on volunteering



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www.facebook.com/FVP-Goldhay-Community-Centre

## Local Participation News

### Disability Peterborough

**Inc: The Disability Forum, Inspire Peterborough and Shopmobility**

#### Disability Peterborough Focus Group questionnaire

As you may be aware, Disability Peterborough is a user-led charity with 35 years' experience of supporting local disabled people. Together with its projects, Shopmobility Peterborough and Inspire Peterborough, we work to promote disability equality, high-quality support, specialist advice, mobility equipment and accessible sports and leisure activities.

We take the opinions of our members and local disabled people and their families seriously and feel that with regular communication between us we can empower the lives of our local disabled residents and reduce social isolation. Therefore we have developed a confidential Survey Monkey questionnaire which we would ask you to complete and return. <https://www.disabilitypeterborough.org/survey/>

The feedback that we get from the surveys will enable us to see what people want in terms of local services and leisure activities and will be used to help drive us forward and to be able to access further funding so that we can carry on doing what we do best, to support people in a holistic manner. Whilst we cannot promise to say yes to everything we will do our best to provide as much as we can.

We take the privacy of our members and clients extremely seriously and we will ask for permission to use any

of the feedback with other organisations if and when necessary. The first set of questions will revolve around benefits support, the second around sports and fitness, the third around crafts and leisure, and the fourth around the Disability Forum.

#### Peterborough Wheelchair User Group

Disability Peterborough and Family Voice Peterborough are working together to gather views (both positive and not so positive) of wheelchair services. We would really appreciate your input in to this participation opportunity. Please take the survey if you are a wheelchair user or you care for a child/ young person who is a wheelchair user. Your voices are vital in helping us gather evidence to demonstrate how people are currently experiencing the service.

This survey is designed to be taken anonymously and the results will be shared with Disability Peterborough, Family Voice Peterborough and collated in to a report that will be made public. The data we are collecting is to help us provide evidence of your experiences of wheelchair services. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DPFVPWheelchairSurvey2018>

Thank you for your help

Kind regards

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### Local Transformation Plan - Refresh 2018/19

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Children and young people's emotional, mental health and wellbeing Local Transformation Plan (LTP)

A LTP is a plan detailing our improvements over 5 years until 2021 of how we will be investing and developing services to support and treat children and young people (CYP) who are experiencing emotional and or mental health problems.

The full report is currently being updated following feedback on the priorities discussed within this briefing and will provide greater details. The refreshed plan will build upon the 2017 plan which can be found here: <https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/your-health-and-services/children-and-young-people/>

FVP will be holding consultation events to help inform the refresh

#### Peterborough SEND Peer Review

**Dates:** 1 - 4 October 2018

**Venue:** Sand Martin House, Peterborough

Peterborough City Council have commissioned the

## Local Participation News Cont.

Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake a peer review in October 2018. The peer team will be onsite for four days and this will include time observing practice, meeting staff/partners/parents/carers/children and young people, engaging with focus groups and visiting different settings.

### Key themes to be explored as part of the review:

Leadership and governance of SEND across the local area

Capacity and resources (including Finance)

The identification of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities

Assessing and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs

and/or disabilities

Improving outcomes for children & young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities

### Key Lines of Enquiry:

How effective is the leadership and governance of SEND across the area?

How effective is the capacity and resources (including finance) across the local area?

How effectively does the local area identify children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities?

How effectively does the local area assess and meet the needs of SEND children and young people?

How effectively does the local area improve outcomes for SEND children and young people?

Have the council got it

right in terms of challenges and strengths for SEND?

Are the priorities right, in this period of development?

The review will assess how it all works in practice and improves outcomes.

### Parent Carer Involvement

#### Parents / Carers Focus Group

Date: Wednesday 3 October

Time: 09:15-10:15

Venue: Sand Martin House, Bittern Way, Fletton Quays, Peterborough, PE2 8TY

Contact upon arrival: Helen Gregg, 07961 240462

#### Parents / Carers Twilight Teleconference

Date: Wednesday 3 October

Time: 18:00-19:00

Telephone number: will be provided upon confirmation of attendance

*For further details and to book email [helen.gregg@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:helen.gregg@peterborough.gov.uk)*

## Communication Channels

You can keep informed by linking with us through all these channels of communication.

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/fvpcommunity](http://www.facebook.com/fvpcommunity)

[www.facebook.com/FamilyVoiceCaravan](http://www.facebook.com/FamilyVoiceCaravan)

[www.familyvoice.com/FVP-Goldhay-Community-Centre](http://www.familyvoice.com/FVP-Goldhay-Community-Centre)

### YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/FamilyVoicePeterboro>

### Twitter

@familyvoice1

### Website

[www.familyvoice.org](http://www.familyvoice.org)

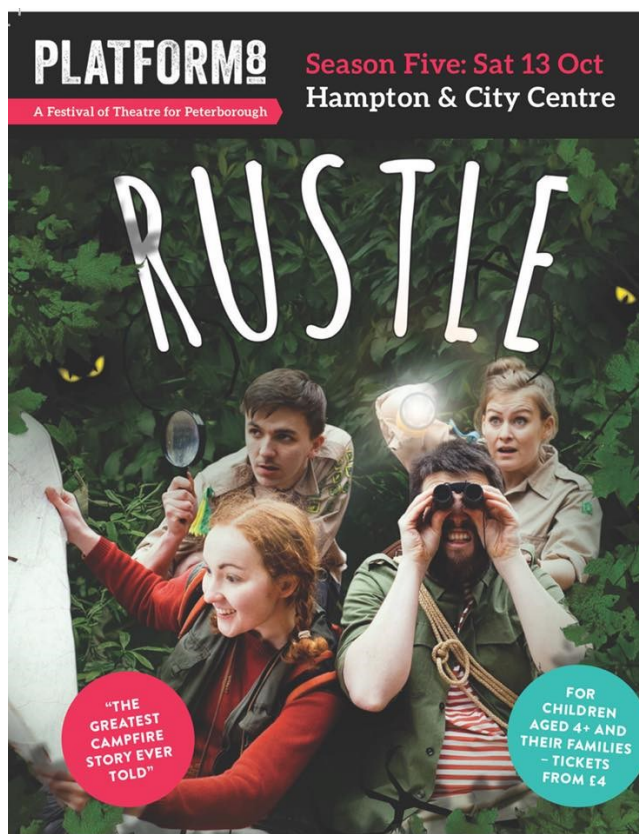
### Email

[participation@familyvoice.org](mailto:participation@familyvoice.org)



## Activities/ Events/ Support/ Training/ Fundraising

**Signed  
Performance by  
Paddle Boat—  
Making Theatre  
Accessible**



### Pinpoint Cambridgeshire Support Groups

ADHD/ASD groups for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Carers and Parents

Does your child have - or do you suspect they have - ADHD/ ASD?

ADHD/ASD groups for parents run monthl at **Ely, Histon, Peterborough and Huntingdon**, run by Pinpoint in conjunction with our counterparts Family Voice Peterborough. Parents and carers who have children with ADHD and Autism - with or without a diagnosis - are welcome to come along.

So if your children are accessing services, are on the waiting list, or have had a referral turned down, come along for practical advice and ideas on how to boost your resilience and work with your children at home and help manage their behaviour.

The groups are co-ordinated by Pinpoint staff members Eve Redgrave and Jackie King. This page will continue to be updated after each group we run.

Find out more or book a place at one of the groups: Call us on 01480 877333 or email [Jackie](#)

### Family Movie Afternoons

**Date:** Sunday 16th September

**Time:** 3pm to 5pm

**Venue:** The Goldhay Centre, 105 Paynels, Peterborough, PE 25QP

**Cost:** £3.50 per adult, £2.50 per child and under 2's free

**Booking:** <https://goo.gl/forms/2xUFGzxBQeDOM6Pm2>

**Date:** Sunday 7th October

**Time:** 3pm to 5pm

**Venue:** The Goldhay Centre, 105 Paynels, Peterborough, PE 25QP

**Cost:** £3.50 per adult, £2.50 per child and under 2's free

**Booking:** <https://goo.gl/forms/PeP7oumUYpJ9IsTD2>

### PDDCS Deaf Toddler Group

Every two weeks we meet to play and chat. We are lucky enough to have an audiologist that comes too to do Children's mounds which will save parents a trip to the hospital! Great place to meet people and share experiences and support each other

**Venue:** 105 Paynels, Peterborough, PE2 5QP

**Contact:** Gina 07752 192735

## Useful sources of Participation and SEN Information

National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF)  
<http://www.nnpcf.org.uk>  
Contact for families with

disabled children  
<https://www.cafamily.org.uk/>  
Peterborough City Council  
Local Offer

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/special-educational-needs/local-offer/>

## Spotlight

### Families First Peterborough CIC

Families First Peterborough CIC works with families, young people and children in community settings and schools providing positive activities and support.

We deliver free Open Access Play sessions at Crofts Corner for children and families. Where they can make new friends, play games and sports, do arts and crafts and try new things! Open Access Play takes place on Saturdays in term time and Fridays in the school holidays. All sessions run from 10 - 3pm. We have a Lunchtime Club at £1 per person. Through our activities we tackle issues such as poverty, isolation, challenging behaviour and social exclusion. We support families to participate in community events too.

We also deliver a targeted service called the Flipside Project. Children and young people receive individual support packages. We use a one-to-one approach to enable them to learn new skills and grow in confidence.

### Crofts Corner

We are based at Crofts Corner in Bretton, next door to Eyrescroft Primary School. During school hours we facilitate the Flipside Project, however we do offer one to one support at weekends and in the school holidays too. On the Saturdays and in the holidays we run Open Access Play sessions and other events. Crofts Corner has a lovely big garden, however we could really do with some support to maintain it. The centre has great potential, but is in need of some refurbishment work. We want to undertake a project to refurbish the building to make it more suitable for the different activities we provide. We would also like to install some new outside play equipment too and undertake some landscaping.

#### How you can help

If you or your staff would like to help make a positive difference to Bretton families, young people and children, you may be interested in:

Getting involved in volunteering,

such as gardening, producing publicity materials, IT support, baking, supporting family fun days, and general DIY, etc.

- Making a donation
- Providing sponsorship for projects or events
- Fundraising
- Supporting the re-development of Crofts Corner

Please do attend our Visioning Event at Crofts Corner on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 6 - 8.30pm and encourage anyone else that you think might like to come too. There will be free refreshments available.

Please confirm your attendance at the Visioning Event or if you would like more information or would like to visit Crofts Corner.

Then please contact Cherry Lester, Director & Manager -

Email: [cherryfamilyesfirst@gmx.co.uk](mailto:cherryfamilyesfirst@gmx.co.uk)

Mob. 078 514 249 25

## Caravan News



Butlins is now fully booked

until the end of the season and

we are taking requests for next season on a waiting list. We do still have some dates left at Haven. Unfortunately October Half term at Haven

is now also booked.

For dates that are left check out the caravan page of our website and you can also email us for further details.

### Haven Prices

	Low Season
<b>7 Nights</b>	<b>270</b>
<b>4 Nights</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>3 Nights</b>	<b>130</b>

[www.familyvoice.org/caravan](http://www.familyvoice.org/caravan)  
[holidays@familyvoice.org](mailto:holidays@familyvoice.org)

## Dates to look out for

- ⇒ Movie Afternoon—16th September
- ⇒ Movie Afternoon—7th October
- ⇒ Halloween Party—26th October
- ⇒ Christmas Fayre—8th December
- ⇒ Christmas Party—21st December

## All About Us

FVP started as group of parent carers who came together to actively seek to improve services in all areas of the lives of children and young people with disabilities or additional needs between the ages of 0—25 years. The main aim is to be the strategic consultative body within Peterborough for families, providing a liaison point for statutory and voluntary bodies. FVP also endeavour to bring parents and carers together to have a strong voice ensuring the future for their children and young people is a good one. As well as this FVP arrange national and local trips and activities for the whole family and provide short breaks at the seaside.

FVP are also a registered charity.

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