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for families with disabled children

Participation and the national agenda

Family Voice Peterborough

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What is Parent Participation?

‘When parents and professionals work together, recognising each others’ expert knowledge, to make informed decisions about children’s services that are the best use of people’s time and money’

Participation nationally

Where are we?

- ✓ C&F Act 2014:
- ✓ Implementation phase
- ? 2018-2020





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**KEEP
CALM
AND
CO-PRODUCE**

Participation nationally

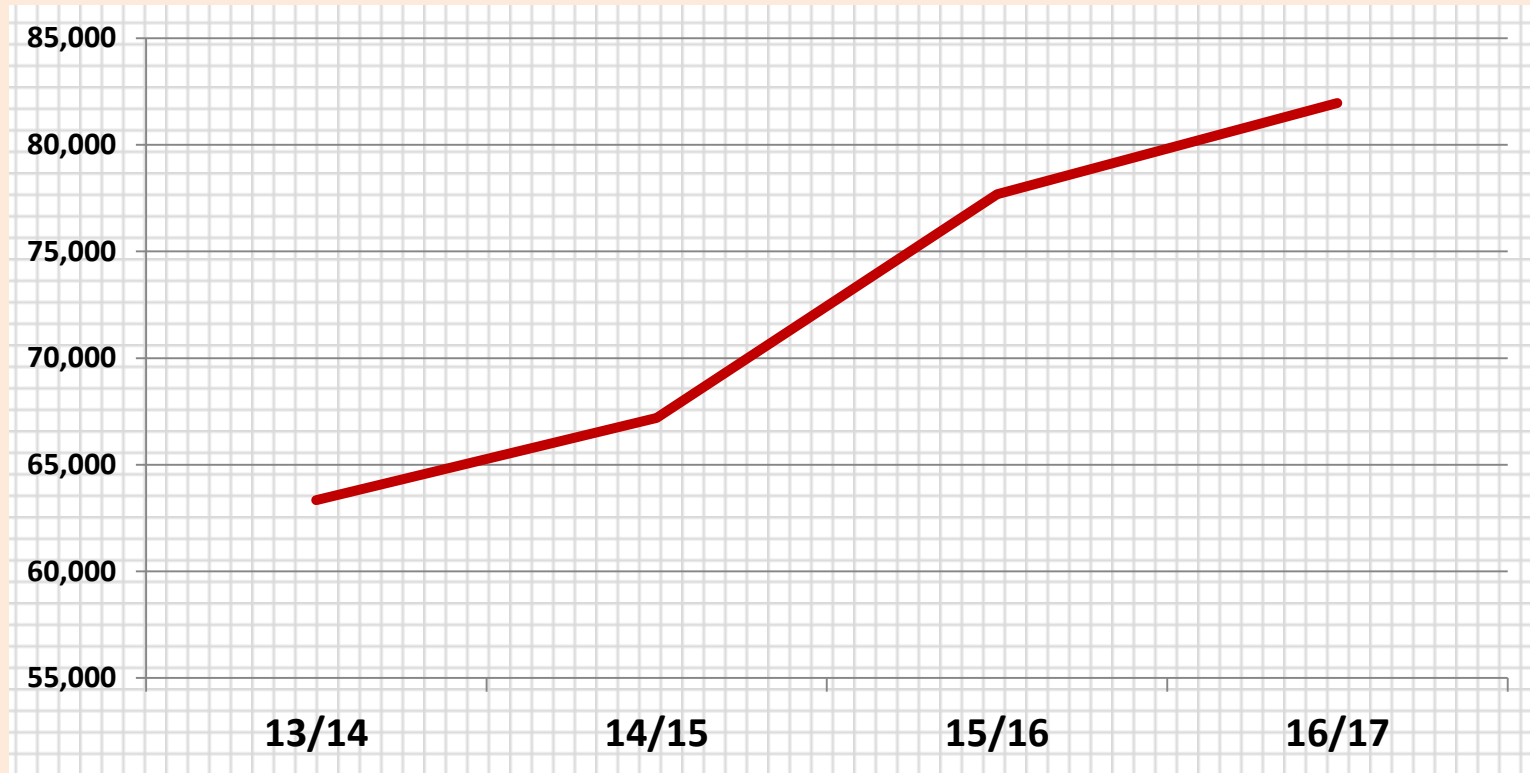
How are we doing?

Nearly 82,000 parent carers are now connected to a Forum in England



Image from 'Power in Numbers', Family Voice Surrey

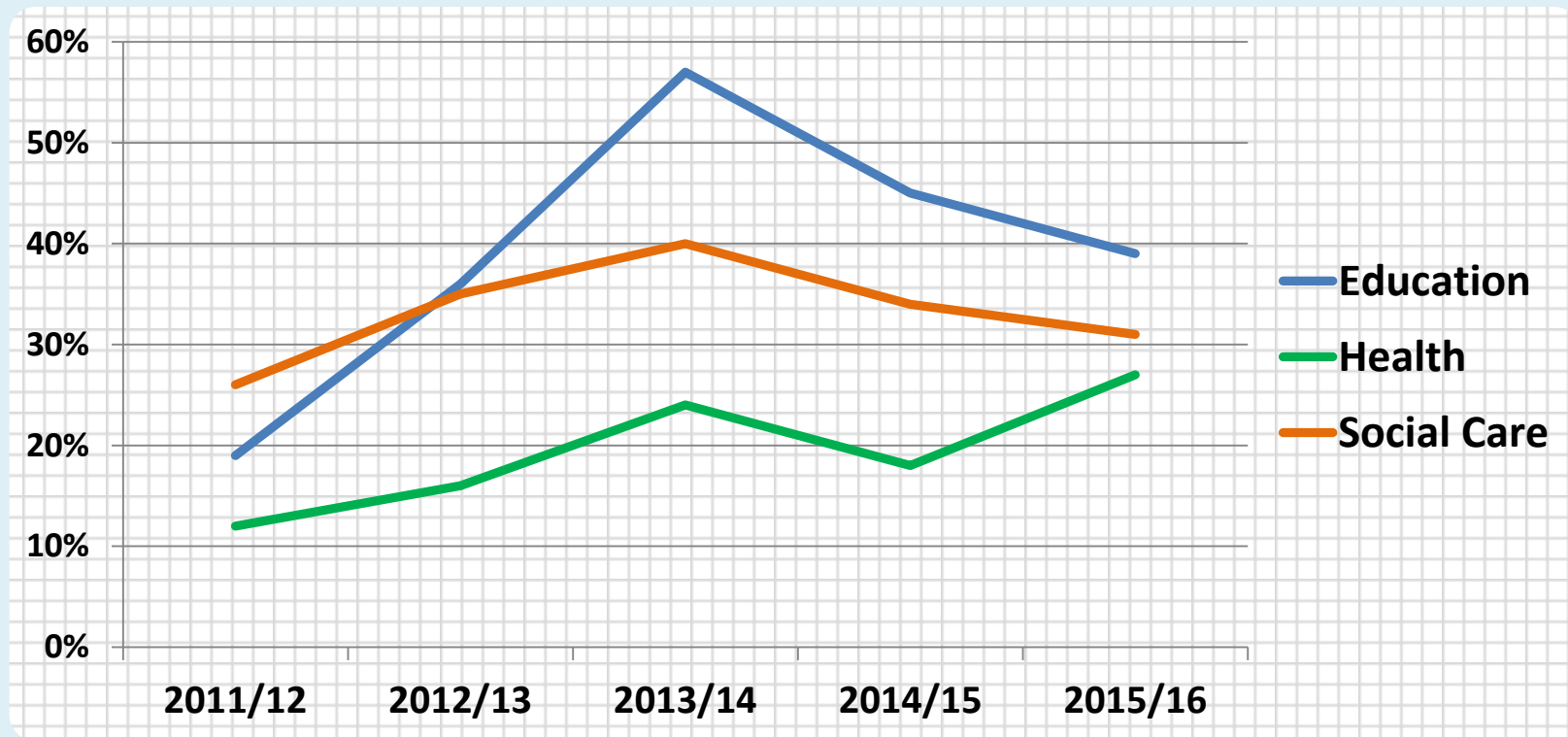
Collective Parent Carer Forum Membership



Forums' self-reported levels of membership 2013-17

Source: Contact a Family

Parent Participation and the SEN Reforms



Forums' self-reported levels of co-production with statutory partners 2011-16

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National Network of Parent Carer Forums

'Our Strength is our Shared Experience'

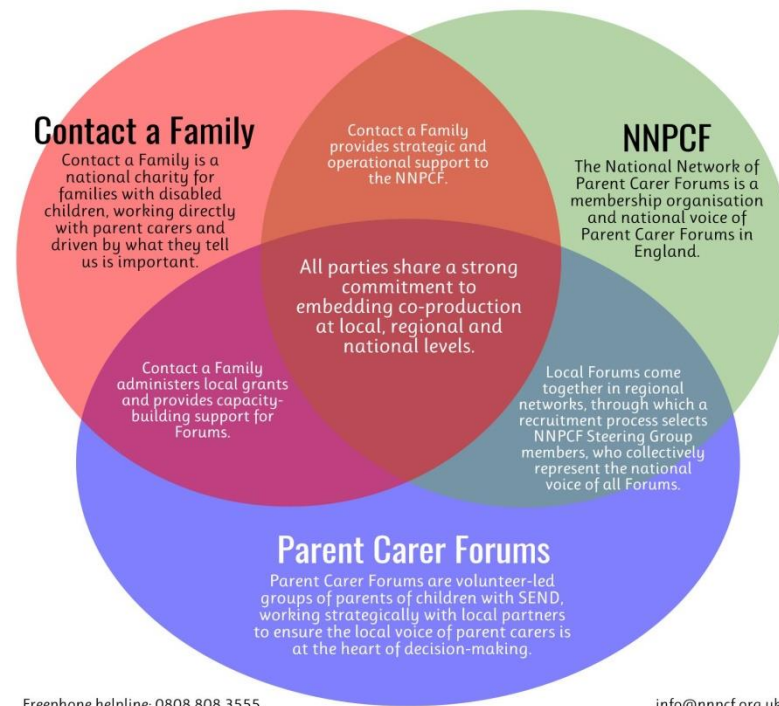
Participation nationally

National Network of Parent Carer Forums



Contact a Family and the NNPCF: working together

The NNPCF is the national representative voice of local Parent Carer Forums.
Contact a Family fulfils an enabling and capacity-building role for the NNPCF and local Forums.



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Participation nationally

2017-18 focus

- ✓ Core offer to Forums
- ✓ Health engagement
- ✓ National intelligence
- ✓ Diversity and outreach focus
- ✓ VOICES Alliance

Participation nationally

VOICES: National Alliance for local partnership working



- National DfE contractors
- A common language in co-production
- Genuine Partnerships (Rotherham)
- VOICES pilot sites
- CQC/Ofsted joint inspection