



OXFORDSHIRE PARENT CARERS FORUM

A Voice for Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

UPDATE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU):

Recently our MoU with the Local Authority Partnership (LAP) was signed. The LAP is made up of the Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Health Foundation Trust, Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust and Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and West Berkshire (BOB) Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Our MoU aims to ensure that we will work together to create a culture where the voices of parent and adult carers of children and young people with SEND are included in the shaping of services and provision of information and support. [Click here](#) to read our MoU.

SEND NETWORK LAUNCHES

We've launched our SEND Partnership Network. A hub for professionals from organisations, support groups, charities, and businesses that support children and young people with SEND and their families. **Find out more:**



DFE STOCKTAKE

OxPCF was invited to a stocktake meeting with the DfE, following the SEND inspection held in July 2023. The purpose of this meeting was to allow the DfE and NHSE to discuss OxPCF's views on the progress made by the LAP on the Improvement Plan over the past six months, address any concerns raised, and provide insights into the lived experiences of families under the recent changes.

To gather feedback and ensure that parent carer voices were heard, OxPCF conducted a poll on our Facebook peer-to-peer support group, a survey through our mailing lists and through our main feedback channels to identify the areas of most concern and changes since the 2023 inspection. [Click here](#) to see the presentation.



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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS: JUNE/JULY

Over the last six weeks, OxPCF has attended over 60 meetings!
Here's a summary of some of the key ones.

SEND Conversations: OxPCF participated in SEND Conversation events hosted by the Local Area Partnership. Parent carers were updated on:

- Progress of the SEND Transformation programme.
- The SEND Youth Forum.
- Work with mainstream schools to enhance support.
- Improvement of EHCPs (Education, Health, and Care Plans)

Catch Ups with Oxfordshire County Council:

- SEND Communication Commitment
- with SEN Officers
- Liquid Logic Portal Update and Communications
- Escalation Protocol Guidance for Parent Carers
- Governance Structure
- Feedback Loop for OxPCF and Local Area Partnership
- Better Together Summaries and Commitments

Programme Theme Group Meetings

- Representation achieved on each programme theme group.
- Ongoing work to address priorities in the action plan.
- Expansion of representation planned from September.
- Awaiting clarification on opportunities for wider parent carer network involvement.

KIT (Keep in Touch) MEETING with the LAP (Local Area Partnership)

During our six-weekly KIT meeting, we:

- Discussed potential changes to the meeting format.
- Shared updates from OxPCF.
- Addressed several themes and issues impacting families.

Partnership Delivery Group and SEND Strategic Improvement and Assurance Board:

- Highlight reports were shared on:
 - Progress of the three programme theme groups.
 - Oxfordshire's performance compared to national statistics.
- Presentation from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) on schools.
- OxPCF shared their presentation given to the Department of Education and NHS England before the LAP Stocktake.

SENDIASS Steering Group

- Chris Manley chaired the meeting in Wendy's absence, providing updates to the steering group.
- The CDC audit highlighted increased SENDIASS workload and appreciation, despite a managed six-week wait time.
- Discussions included EHCNA assessment thresholds.
- Continued challenges for families were noted.

CAMHS Focus Group Sessions

Facilitated two focus groups for Oxfordshire CAMHS this month:

- First focused on developing a protocol for CAMHS clinicians supporting neurodivergent children and young people with mental health issues or distressed behavior.
- Second session introduced to review the BOB-NDQ online questionnaire for autism assessments in children and young people.