OxPCF Report 2021 - 2022

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PARENT CARERS FORUM

The Voice of Parent Carers in Oxfordshire

"Success is achieved and maintained by those who try and keep trying" Helen Keller
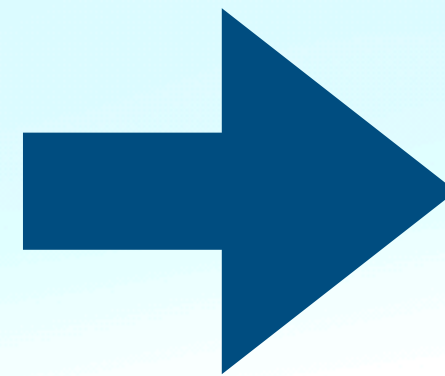
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2021 - 2022 STATS

- **1456 Forum Members**

- **9 steering group members (now 11 since July 22)**

- **2454 Social Media Followers**

- **1.1K members in our peer support group: Oxfordshire SEND Room**

- **Over 100 meetings attended**

- **Hosted over 14 Focus groups**

- **Ran 8 surveys/polls to gain parent carer views**

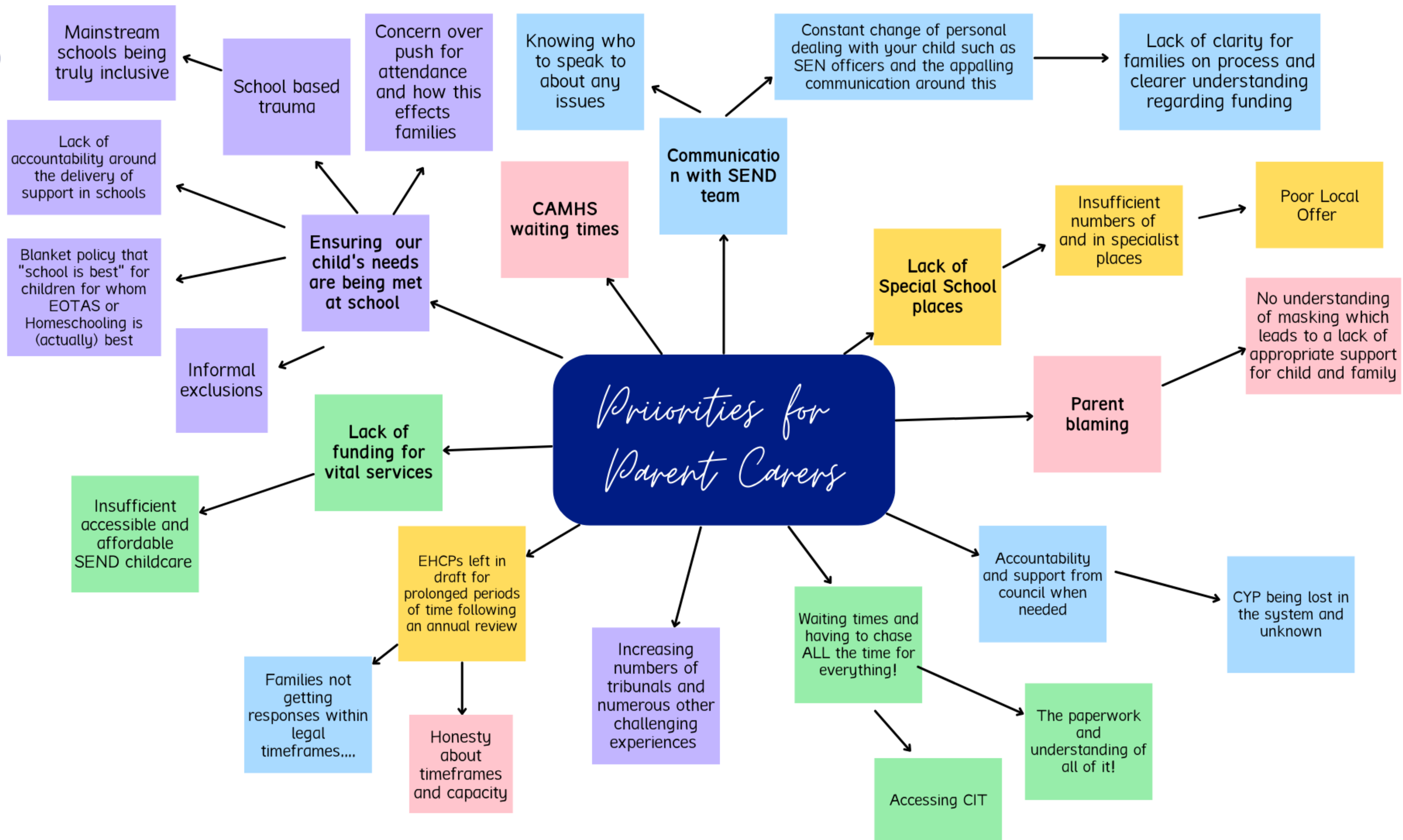- **Hosted 8+ events for parent carers**

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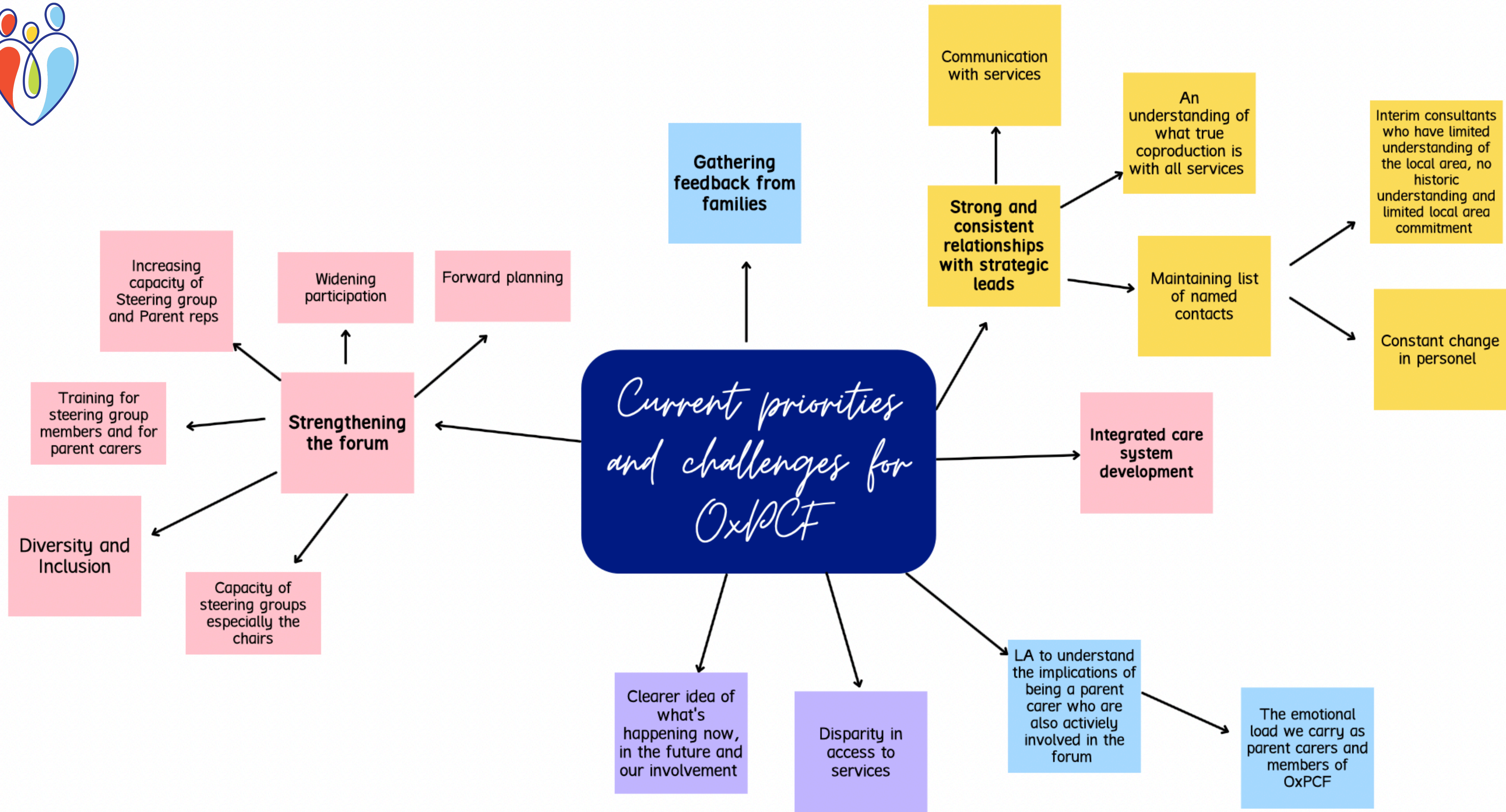*The Voice of Parent Carers in Oxfordshire*

YOU SAID:

- Information about SEND Law
- What is available for SEN Support?
- There is no social care offer for CYP for ASD and no LD
- Families benefit from peer to peer support
- Help us develop a shared understanding of EOTAS with the LA
- We struggle to communicate with our SEN officers
- Where do we stand, when our children struggle to get into school?

WE DID:

- Facilitated a SEND Law training session, delivered by SENDIASS which has now been delivered to the Key Worker team in Oxfordshire
- Delivered a Q&A session and co-produced a leaflet with SENDIASS
- We went to CSC and have started work on the development of an ASD offer for families
- We launched a Facebook which group which now has over 1100 parent carers in Oxfordshire
- Secured a meeting with the LA and have started gathering feedback from Parent Carers
- Informed the LA who produced a communication commitment and a clear route for escalation
- We're coproducing an information leaflet with SENDIASS

Priiorities for Parent Carers

Ensuring our child's needs are being met at school
- Mainstream schools being truly inclusive
- School based trauma
- Concern over push for attendance and how this effects families
- Lack of accountability around the delivery of support in schools
- Blanket policy that "school is best" for children for whom EOTAS or Homeschooling is (actually) best
- Informal exclusions

Communication with SEND team
- Knowing who to speak to about any issues
- Constant change of personal dealing with your child such as SEN officers and the appalling communication around this
- Lack of clarity for families on process and clearer understanding regarding funding

CAMHS waiting times

Lack of Special School places
- Insufficient numbers of and in specialist places
- Poor Local Offer

Parent blaming
- No understanding of masking which leads to a lack of appropriate support for child and family

Lack of funding for vital services
- Insufficient accessible and affordable SEND childcare

EHCPs left in draft for prolonged periods of time following an annual review
- Families not getting responses within legal timeframes....
- Honesty about timeframes and capacity

Increasing numbers of tribunals and numerous other challenging experiences

Waiting times and having to chase ALL the time for everything!
- The paperwork and understanding of all of it!
- Accessing CIT

Accountability and support from council when needed
- CYP being lost in the system and unknown

Current priorities and challenges for OxPCF

Gathering feedback from families

Strengthening the forum
- Increasing capacity of Steering group and Parent reps
- Widening participation
- Forward planning
- Training for steering group members and for parent carers
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Capacity of steering groups especially the chairs

Strong and consistent relationships with strategic leads
- Communication with services
- An understanding of what true coproduction is with all services
- Maintaining list of named contacts
  - Interim consultants who have limited understanding of the local area, no historic understanding and limited local area commitment
  - Constant change in personel

Integrated care system development

- Clearer idea of what's happening now, in the future and our involvement
- Disparity in access to services
- LA to understand the implications of being a parent carer who are also actively involved in the forum
  - The emotional load we carry as parent carers and members of OxPCF

OxPCF Workstreams and Events
2022 - 2023

Workstreams with OCC		CCG/Oxford Health/OUH		OxPCF Workstreams		Forum Work		Events	
LOCAL OFFER	SEND stategy and Implementation	CAMHS Survey and Report	CAMHS Feedback Sessions	EOTAS	Foster Carers	Recruitment	Feedback	Better Together	Awards Ceremony
SEF (Self Evaluation Framework)	Access to Learning Board	CAMHS Focus Groups	ADLT (Autism Learning Disability Liason Team	EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity)	SEND Working Group and SEND Baseline Survey	Grant Management	MOU	Meet and Greet with MP's	Positive Coffee and Chats
Ordanarily Available	School Accessibility Strategy	CYP Mental Health and Wellbeing Project	Children's Integrated Therapy Systems	Reasonable adjustments in hospitals for CYP with SEND and disparity in services	SEND Transport Issues	Reporting	Coproduction training with PCF and services	Q&A's for Parent Carers on key issues	Online feedback sessions
SEND Strategic Outcomes Framework	Short Breaks	Resources for ASD	Preparing for Adulthood	PMLD (Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities)	Post 16 Network	Connections with Schools, Support groups/ Organisations and MP's	Communication Plan		Family event for parent carers

Workstreams with Social Services

ASD CSC Offer/Pathway				Mental Health for 18+	Oxfordshire SEND Room	Working with SENDIASS			