

<p>Present: DJ, JM, AN, KS, TR</p>	<p>Guests: Tracey Davidson – NASS Sharon Wood - NHFT Further 5 guests booked but no showed</p>
<p>Apologies: PM, AMC, AB, HT, SFG, COB</p>	
<p>NPFG presentation: AN projected general NPFG Power Point presentation including background info, structure, past achievements and future plans</p>	<p>Presentation attached</p>
<p>Chair's report: DJ presented the chair's report highlighting current membership structure and reach statistics website statistics</p>	<p>Chair's report attached</p>
<p>Treasurer's report: JM explained the funding mechanism for the forum and presented her financial overview for the 2016-2017 spent</p>	<p>Treasurer's report attached</p>
<p>Election of roles: Amy Bevington – Co-Chair stepped down Paul Meadows – Co-Chair was re-elected David Johnson – Co-Chair Jane Marriott – Treasurer Anna Norris – Secretary/Co-Treasurer</p>	

CHAIR INFO

*** current status update/ past achievements:**

- Steering Group healthy membership of 12 with a good representation of the various disabilities and geographical spread. Recently filled the gap of a HI rep. If at all we are looking for a rep for the East Northants e.g. Thrapston area
- database for parent carers and professionals are increasing, currently at 373 (increase by 113 % from 175 in April 2016)
- set up of LINK members currently at 32 with a reach of 5747 (having said this, some parent cares are part of multiple groups)
- Good systems in place with meeting logs, minutes, feedback mechanism (although the challenge seems to be filling the forms out)
- Active participation in the East Midlands Regional Network of PCFs with Northants being the co-chair
- Participation at the Annual Conference in Manchester later in the month
- Being recognised as the voice for parent carers with number of regular work streams increasing weekly (15 regular - 84 meetings so far in 2017 (Jan-Oct) including one off meetings, regional events and training.
- Currently 26 engagement events (Jan-Oct 2017)
- Biggest frustration seems to be the short term contracts of professionals and subsequent lack of handovers

*** Future plans include:**

- Meet & Greet with Professionals - date set Tuesday, 5th December at Angel Square
- EM Regional Preparing for Adulthood event - scheduled for March in Kegworth
- creation of a database system
- enhancements to our website
- updating policies
- recruiting an associate member to scrutinise official policies, documents, proposed changes
- continue to engage with various SEND groups
- continue to engage with the SENCO Network and attend and present regularly at the Inclusion Network meetings

Income & Expenditure Year ending March 31st 2017

	2017	2016
Balance brought forward	2644.62	2327.58
Income		
Department of Education	15000.00	15000.00
Donations	47.00	613.25
Discretionary grant - Video	1600.00	1279.00
Bank Interest	1.20	1.68
SummerSENdsation sponsorship	306.00	
Regional Health Workshop (holding funds)	1050.00	
Total	18004.20	16893.53
Sub Total	20648.82	19221.45
Expenditure		
Events	1872.86	2947.91
Training	0.00	450.00
Venue hire/meetings	1056.73	1639.63
Development Info & Resources	2946.82	2411.85
Web Development	1275.00	1250.00
Parent Carer expenses	1969.68	1120.00
Parent Carer Remuneration	2236.00	1116.23
Infrastructure	607.01	891.22
Admin	4112.00	4440.00
Hard to Reach	448.00	310.00
Regional Health Workshop(holding funds)	1004.98	
Total	17529.08	16576.14
Surplus	475.12	317.09
Year End Balance	3119.74	2644.62
Bank	2999.78	2636.66
Cash	119.96	7.96
Total	3119.74	2644.62

Members of





NPFG

Northants Parent Forum Group

What is a Parent Carer Forum?

A Parent Carer Forum (PCF) is a group of parents and carers of disabled children who work with

- local authorities
- education settings
- health providers and
- other providers

to make sure the services they plan and deliver meet the needs of disabled children and their families.

- One of 151 Parent Carer Forums in the UK
- Part of the East Midlands Regional Network of 9 Local Authority Regions:

Leicester

Derby City

Nottingham City

Lincolnshire

Rutland

Leicestershire

Derbyshire

Nottinghamshire

Northamptonshire

Members of



National Network of Parent Carer Forums
'Our Strength is our Shared Experience'
www.nnpcf.org.uk

Formed in 2010 we are now a crucial partner
in the success of the recent SEND reforms.

- NPFG is a voluntary organisation representing parent carers of children and young people with SEN and/or Disabilities up to the age of 25 living in Northamptonshire.
- Funded by the Department of Education. We receive a grant of £15.000 a year which is administered through Contact.

What have we done so far

- We held various information gathering events including an Open Space event at the Bee Hive – December 2013 .
- Issues raised were grouped into Health, Education and Social Care issues and we subsequently organised various Solution events, where Professionals and Parent Carers worked together to raise satisfaction.
- Saints Rugby Ground – July 2014
- Wicksteed Park – November 2014

We looked at issues relating to

- Respite Care
- Social Care Assessment
- Activities and short break services
- CAMHS
- Community Paediatric Services
- Therapies (Physio, OT and SALT)
- Assessment and Diagnosis pathways

- Findings of all the above engagement opportunities were summarised and presented to the Disabled Children's and Young People's Delivery Group (DCYPDG)
- We were active in the recent 20:20 Vision events and contributed to the SEND Strategy for the year 2020 and beyond. The draft is out and is being reviewed in several work streams.

Working Group Involvement

In addition to the DCYPDG our involvement include:

- SEND Area Inspection Board and Participation Group
- Education & Health Working Group, Transport & Local Offer Focus Groups
- Short Break Board & Transforming Care Operational Group
- High Needs Funding Panel
- Young Healthy Mind Partnership Board and Sub Group
- Carers Partnership Board and Commissioning Group
- IS Governance Board

Ofsted/CQC Inspections

- In May 2017 Northamptonshire County Council was inspected by Ofsted and the Quality Care Commission (CQC) to see how the local authority is implementing the changes to SEND outlined in the Children and Family Act 2014.
- NCFG was heavily involved in obtaining feedback from parent carers and provided a summary document to the inspectors highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of the local authority in our view.
- The report has been published on 11th June 2017 and can be found at:
<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/local-authorities/northamptonshire>

SummerSENDSation Events

In September 2015 we teamed up with NCC's Local Offer, IASS and Northamptonshire Sport to co-produce the

SummerSENDSation Event

A family fun and information day at Northampton College.

The feedback of 500+ attendees encouraged us to organise a repeat of the event in 2017, which took place on 11th June 2017.

This time we had over 730 people attending with 75 service providers. The feedback is calling for an annual event – watch this space!

Key Successes:

- Children and YP no longer need to have a diagnosis to access Autism provisions
- Great progress has been made on the Transport Focus Group demanding OPP, escort Autism Training and the use of EPI pens
- Feedback from parent cares initiated our mapping exercise of short break needs in Northamptonshire. This has been taken on by NCC, who are currently looking into this matter in more detail. We have two NPFG reps on the newly formed Short Break Board
- NPFG has been advocating for a disabled children's sitting service and we are working with Northamptonshire Carers to include this in the Commissioning for Carers Services

Please support us by:

- Signing up to our e-bulletin on www.npfg.co.uk to ensure you receive our communication
- If you use social media please like NPFG on Facebook
- Letting us know what is working and currently not working for your family
- Sharing information with your networks, displaying posters and/or share our Facebook posts
- Contributing to surveys to make your voice heard
- Advise us of any SEND gatherings of parent cares – we would like to engage with the group
- Become a LINK member, Associate or Steering Group member

To find out more or to get involved please

- visit our website www.npfg.co.uk
- find us on Facebook [NPFG](#)
- or call [07745 - 249094](tel:07745-249094)