

# PARENT CARERS TOGETHER



Bournemouth Christchurch Poole

## PARENT REPRESENTATIVE Role Description

### **Main purpose**

To ensure that parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are fully engaged and involved in strategic planning and service development related to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

### **Summary of responsibilities and duties**

The role of parent representatives is to inform decision-makers about the experiences of parents and carers and to ensure that their views are fed into decisions about children's services at an operational or strategic level. Through this process parents and professionals reach a common understanding and their combined information and perspectives result in joint planning that leads to more effective services.

### **Skills and qualities**

- ability to represent all parents
- knowledge of the issues facing disabled children and their families
- available to attend meetings
- good communication skills being able to share and listen to opinions and ideas
- excellent, friendly communication skills for working with families and professionals at all levels

### **Experience and understanding**

- parent or carer of a child with a disability and/or additional needs
- understanding the needs of disabled children and their families

### **Benefits**

- ongoing training and support
- a chance to make a difference
- expenses for your time and travel will be paid

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