

BCP SEND Parent/Carer Alliance

Workshop #2
25 November 2021

Agenda

- Next steps to develop the alliance together
- Outline time plan
- Name for this alliance - open to suggestions from you all
- Potential support available from BCP LA in forming the alliance
- Roles - who wants to be an active participant in the set-up phase?

Next steps to develop the alliance

Work Area	Action steps	Target date
Objectives	Develop shared vision / purpose statement Agree expected aims / outcomes / benefits Actions / behaviours to meet the shared vision	
Reach and Engagement	Develop contacts with other groups Spread the message to group members Use LA database? Or get Council to send on our behalf. SENDIASS? Home-ed groups? Schools? Voluntary groups? Parent groups at each school? Young adults (up to 25) no longer with parents	
Information for families	Why should I get involved? What are the benefits?	
Data management	Does the alliance need its own master list? How to manage to share contact data between organizations? Involvement with BCP Council (participation officer?)	
Structure	Start with working groups during set-up phase Propose committee structure at later date.	
Shared Communications	Agree what we share and to whom	

Name for the alliance

Suggestions during meeting:

- Parent Carer Voice – already exists?
- BCP SEND Partnership – sounds too much associated with Council?
- ‘Alliance’ sounds too much like we’re aligned against something?
- Rebel Alliance 😊
- SEND Partnership in BCP – do most families recognize the term ‘BCP’?
- SEND Partnership in BH area
- BH SEND Partnership
- SEND Champions
- SEND Voice

Action: All to state your preference before next meeting

Potential support from BCP LA

Message from Sarah Rempel, BCP Director of Education:

- I have been looking into how we can support the creation of the alliance and wondered whether you would find some mediation sessions useful. [Global Mediation](#) is a service that works with SEND families and services - I would be happy to fund some sessions for you.
- Going forward, we intend to employ a Participation Worker whose job will be to ensure ongoing co-production with children and young people, families and partners. I would see their role as also being a main point of contact for the alliance too.
- I have also had an offer of support from Contact. They have supported the creation of alliances in other local authorities and they have offered an allocated worker for a set period of time to help with the practicalities.

Please do let me know if any of this would be helpful to you and I can set it up.

Potential support from BCP LA

Response during meeting:

- We don't need mediation. We're already talking well together.
- New participation officer needs to engage with us. (Include this in job spec for recruitment)
- New coproduction officer needs to engage with us too.
- Support from Contact could be good for a fixed length of time to help with structural set-up.
 - Not in any form of long-term governance.
 - Other organisations might be available? (Sarah R)
- We haven't yet discussed involvement from Dorset CCG.
- Social Care involvement is important too.

Next steps & Actions

- Share these slides by email
- Respond by 5th December re vision / objectives (use 'reply all')
- Respond re preferred name
- Next meeting of this group to focus on vision, Thursday 16th Dec, 10:00

Participants

Attendees

- Marion Burgess (Parent Carer Foundation)
- Stacey Freeman (Parent Carers Together)
- Pearl McCarthy (Families of VI Kids)
- Dan McEvoy (Dorset Children's Foundation)
- Peter Phillips (Parent Carers Together, Aspire Adopters and Special Guardians)
- Sarah Ward (Parent Carer Foundation)
- Amanda Wathen (SWAN UK)
- Louise Wildon (Parent Carer Foundation)

Apologies

- Nina Davidson (Parent Carer Foundation)
- Louise Middleton (Parent Carers Together)
- Sarah Murray (Parent Carers Together)
- Maureen Rolfe (Parent Carers Together)
- Kerry Rowe (SENturations)