

Parent Panel meeting 9th September minutes

Karen Lowery and Anna Chiva both were unable to attend and sent their apologies.

Ashley and James kindly stood in. Ashley kindly put together a short presentation as an introduction to assessment and pathways. The Panel thought that this would provide a baseline knowledge of what the system currently looks like.

The Panel discussed representation of the Panel, as Karen was unable to attend, enquiries will put forward to figure out what is happening with regards to the parents that aren't engaging and reasons for this? Is there a communication problem, is it time or is the parent no longer wishing to participate? The Panel aspires to represent the variety of needs within SEND.

It was suggested that those parents that wish to engage, unable to attend meetings, should be invited by google hang out along with the regular meeting invite.

James expressed that the knowledge hub is a great tool for parents to stay in contact, express thoughts and opinions, however, isn't being used to its potential. Going forward a reminder of the knowledge hub might be useful.

The Parent Panel are happy to amalgamate with the Parent Carer Forum, since the meeting the PCF have agreed on this. Ana is kindly conversing with both groups and the early stages of what the amalgamation will look like are being considered.

Suzanne made a valid point to hit the ground running at the start each session. This will help avoid over running, which then results in those having to leave promptly whilst the panel is running behind discussing the main topic.

Dave, Roxy and Romany feedback from previous SEND partnership board.

Roxy expressed that up to 25yr olds should be supported with life skills, rather than multiple professionals working with a cyp, training should be available, so support is more personal with fewer services involved. Two case studies identified the positive outcome of this approach.

Ana added that the aim should be to support and enable CYP to live as independently as they can.

James shared that he was shocked that SEND CYP aren't asked what they wanted to be when they grow up.

The Panel agreed that this was a concern of interest, work to change the culture of how CYP are spoken to needs to also move forward, the misconception that certain struggles should impact a person's desires of their future capability needs addressing.

Dave has welcomed and suggestions/feedback in relation to the draft terms of reference so he can make any changes. He also mentioned that he would make easier to read and less jargon like.

The Panel agreed that documents that have been produced should be made available on the local offer, quarterly. December an update as to what the Panel has achieved to date to go on the local offer.

Jonathan Rourke of SENDIAS is putting together a steering group, anyone interested should contact him.