

## **Kent PACT - every voice needs to be heard**

To get a balanced view of SEND Education and Health Services across the County **Kent PACT** need to hear from all parents/carers of Children and Young People in Kent with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, whether or not there is an Education Health and Care Plan in place. They value positive feedback as well as more negative views.

**Kent PACT** is a Parent Carer Forum not a support group or campaign group, but its members are able to support each other through access to dedicated Social Media pages where they can share worries, ask questions or simply chat to others.

### **So what is a Parent Carer Forum?**

A group of parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. The aim is to ensure services in the local area meet the needs of those children, young people, and their families

The combined voices of members are fed into how services are designed and delivered.

Part of a National Network of Parent Carer Forums.

### **And what does a Parent Carer Forum do?**

Gathers the views of parents and carers taking those views to strategic meetings with the local authority or health authority to ensure parent voices are part of the planning process for services in the local area.

### **And how do they do it?**

Through holding meetings, attending coffee mornings at schools or other charities, running surveys and providing social media opportunities for views to be shared.

By being part of the SEND Improvement Board and Health ICB (Integrated Care Board) and by being invited to co-produce new services or improvements to existing services.

### **How to get your voice heard in Kent**

Join **Kent PACT** using their online membership form at [www.kentpact.org.uk](http://www.kentpact.org.uk)

Go along to meetings or coffee mornings, respond to survey requests and get involved in the social media conversations.

