

Forum Myth BUSTER



1. THE FORUMS WORK FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

FALSE Parent Carer Forums are independent. They work **with** the local authority. Clinical commissioning groups (health) and other groups, but have working agreements to ensure they remain independent.



2. FORUMS DO NOT CAMPAIGN

TRUE The role of the forum is to promote parents voice through participation and coproduction. The forum acknowledges the important role that campaign groups have in helping to get parents voice heard. At the forum we are happy to work with campaign groups by providing information and feeding back issues they raise.

3. PARENT CARER FORUMS ONLY GO TO MEETINGS

FALSE Parent Carers forums run coffee mornings and events to allow opportunities for families to get together and feedback their experiences. The forum also provides information and training for families, this supports participation.



Dear SENCO

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer At the beginning of a new school year, RPCV would like to say “hello” and remind you that we are here and keen to continue helping you to support families in your schools who have children or young people with special educational needs or a disability.

Recently there has been some confusion about the role of RPCV (Parent Carers Voice in Rochdale) So to help we have created a myth- busting info list (left) We hope it makes things clearer.

Parent Carer, involvement (participation) is important – it can make a positive difference to lives. Participation and co-production is about parents and professionals working together and recognising each other's expert knowledge. By working in this way, they can design, develop and improve services for disabled children in the local area.

RPCV are members of a National Network of Parents Forums, we have been working with families in the Rochdale borough for over 16 Years.

We provide a wide range of support including training, events and monthly get-togethers. Can you let all families in your settings of children with SEN support or with EHC plans know about our organisation. They can join and become members using the link which can be found on the RPCV website.

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Rochdale parent carers voice chat.