



February - March 2021

## PROGRAMME UPDATE

### *Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme*

#### **Dudley Parent Carer Forum**

Since the announcement just before Christmas 2020, that there was to be new direct relationships between the Dudley Parent Carer Forum, the CCG and the LA SEND Team, there has been a lot of activity with the advice of the National CONTACT Group to move forward with an interim steering group and the SEND management team.

A single point of contact has been established between the Interim Chairs and the SEND Team to facilitate the new working relationship between SEND and the PCF and establish the highest quality co-production process to achieve the best outcomes for the Young People and Adults with SEND in Dudley.

A short term programme taking the new format up until April 2021 has been agreed so that the Interim Forum and LA can agree working terms, the new constitution and the co working groups for the new Local Offer, the Preparation for Adulthood Strategy, the Early Years Review, the Short Breaks Review and the communications for the launch of the permanent Parent Carer Forum after April.

The longer term plan will involve joint working on the SEND Toolkit, the Voice of the Child, the new Funding Matrix and the OFSTED Revisit as well as monthly multi agency meetings.

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