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PROGRAMME UPDATE

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

Dudley Parent Carer Forum (PCF) alongside the Local Area (the Local Authority and CCG) signs the MOU that recognises co-production at the heart of the work with parents as equal partners in the SEND system.

The 'Memorandum of Understanding' (MOU) is a significant milestone in establishing the Parent Carer Forum. At the end of April, representatives from Dudley Council joined colleagues from Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and signed this MOU.

This is an important document that details how the organisations can work together to ensure co-production within Dudley.

The collaboration aims to ensure parents can shape at both a strategic and operational level services to enable the best possible outcomes for children and young people with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) being achieved.

The event took place virtually and attendees were representatives from the Dudley Parent Carer Forum which were the co-chairs, Jenny Jones and Claire Powers. The DMBC representatives included Helen Ellis, Service Director for Early Help, Schools and SEND, Karen Connerney and Toni Dawodu, along with Neill Bucktin, Kellie Lennon and Tim Horsburgh from Dudley CCG.

The MOU is reviewed on a yearly basis and we see this as a significant footprint in bringing back confidence into the SEND system.



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