

Annual General Meeting 2021 Chair's Report

Trustees

Over 2020 – 2021 it was difficult to initially work together with the uncertainty of guidelines at times, but towards September we managed to crack the world of virtual meetings.

Our current trustees are:

Tracey Green	-	Chair
Lynne Stevenson	-	Treasurer
Rachael South	-	Secretary
Louise Cheung	-	Social Media
Vanessa Wragg		
Elaine Pauk		
Angela Shepherd		
Cyrlene Cullen		
Claire Elliot		
Michelle Wainwright – Hicks		

We also have two members working with the management team who may become trustees at a later date. Unfortunately, we have received a resignation from our Vice Chair, Joanna Kierl. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Joanna for all the hard work she has done with the charity and wish her well on her new adventure.

Finance

We continue to complete our Annual Return to the Charity Commission every January.

We have continued to receive our annual funding from Contact to elicit the views of parent carers with children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities to shape services in Derbyshire.

This year we have also received a COVID grant from Derbyshire Public Health. This was used to purchase three reconditioned laptops to enable active trustee members to support and signpost families through our social media and website platforms. This grant also paid for the postal cost of all members' packs.

We have also received a grant to work with Glossop families to help bridge the gaps due to having a CCG and Local Authority in different areas.

Events and Surveys

With the difficulty of face-to-face meetings this year we have carried out more surveys. We have carried out approximately 4 surveys on what life has been like during a pandemic, concentrating mainly on education. We have also carried out small polls and larger surveys to correspond with reviews of services.

From January we have carried out a virtual workshop with the POA Society, Sensory Processing Needs workshop and Sibs workshop. We hope this will help more people benefit from this.

Through March 2020 to February 2021 we have received 1226 views, lived experience and ideas. We have achieved many more engagements through our social media pages and website.

General

We continue to have parent carer representation on decision making boards with multiple agencies, including the Local Authority, health, schools, voluntary organisations and other relevant services. We meet with Iain Peel, service director for schools and learning, every six to eight weeks to discuss education, health and care plan processes, using parent carer feedback to help make this a better process for future families. GRIP and other education's early help are also raised. We also have representation on the Neuro Development Pathway; this is the Diagnosis Assessment discussions to ensure equity across the country.

Become a Trustee

If you would like to become a trustee of Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice then please visit www.derbyshireparentcarervoice.org/managementgroup/