



## Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum <https://www.lincspcf.org.uk/>

- Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum (LPCF) is an independent registered charity, working with the local authority and health service, improving services for children with SEND.
- LPCF is recognised and supported by the Department for Education, under the SEND code of practice 2015
- It is run by trustees and volunteers. Volunteers are mainly parent carers of children with SEND.

### How it works

#### Support for parents

LPCF provide an experienced, supportive ear for parents, to promote their skills, knowledge and resilience

Free membership gives parents access to:

- Facebook page for parents only, with information and support
- regular, evidence based reports of parents views and feedback
- regular 'Time2Talk' meetings or coffee mornings
- signposting for parents of children with SEND to services and professionals
- signposting events for parents and professionals, including week of SEND
- workshops on specific issues for parents, requested by members
- wellbeing support and resilience building
- additional one-off benefits, including Max Cards

Working with the local authority, National Health Service (NHS) and partners:

- work with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and NHS to represent parents' views and experiences
- collect views of over 2000 members and feed back to the local authority and NHS.
- supportive "critical friend" relationship with LCC and NHS
- State of SEND survey every two years
- ensure policy, practice and documentation are parent friendly

Working with professionals:

- LPCF are the main means of communication between parents and professionals
- keep professionals informed of key updates and events for themselves and parents
- signpost parents to support services, freeing up professional's time

- setting visits to explain LPCF's role to staff or parents
- being actively linked with LPCF can help evidence commitment of engagement and participation for OFSTED and CQC
- promoting the innovative and positive work surrounding SEND in Lincolnshire at regional and national levels, including DfE and government feedback