



Brent Inclusion Service

Participation and engagement session for Parent Carers

Wednesday 24th April 10.00am – 12.00pm

Chalkhill Community Centre

The Welford Health Centre

Allem Suite

113 Chalkhill Rd, Wembley Park, Wembley HA9 9FX

We are looking for up to 10 Parent Carer who have a child/young person with SEND 0-25 who currently attend a mainstream setting or school.

We want to ensure that we have parent Carers with a child or young person from across Special Educational Needs and Disabilities(SEND) and age range from early years to young people.

What is happening?

We would like parent carers involvement in the development of a new model of resource allocation that will be fair and transparent with a clearly understood process.

The aim of this proposed change is to develop a new system that works across early years, school-age and post-16 so that all settings have a clear understanding of the needs of the child. Funding would still be allocated in the same way, i.e. through a Panel process (i.e. Early Years Panel, school-age Panel etc.). As part of the development of this new model, we are working with early years settings, schools, and post-16 providers to ensure that funding is appropriate for the level of need.

How do we want parent carers to be involved?

We would like to hold a one-off workshop with up to 10 parent carers to review the proposed system, in particular looking at the different descriptors of need across all the levels.

The proposed Resource Allocation System (RAS) would be used for children with SEND of all ages, i.e. 0-25 years. I am keen to get parents with children in early years, primary and secondary school, as well as some from post-16 if possible.

Where and when will the workshop be held?

The workshop will be on **Wednesday 24th April 10.00am – 12.00pm**. The meeting will be in person in the Chalkhill Community Centre

What will the workshop involve?

We will talk through the draft descriptors (see attached) and decide whether this reflects the range of needs of children with SEND in Brent. It would be helpful if you could have read the descriptors before the meeting.

How do I take part?

Please email emma.ferrey@brent.gov.uk or call Emma on 07932 660092 and request a place.

Please note that **not** everyone who wants to be involved will be able to, depending on getting the right spread of ages and keeping numbers low so that we can have a meaningful discussion.

Participants will be remunerated with a £20 voucher as per usual Brent PCF terms.

I look forward to hearing from you,
Best wishes
Emma Ferrey

What is a SEND descriptors of need

A descriptor of need system is to ensure a common language to describe the support expected for children with SEND

In short, they are often four broad areas of need are identified in the SEND code of practice:

- communication and interaction
- cognition and learning
- social, emotional and mental health difficulties
- sensory and/or physical need

This then supports.

- the development of a core framework for all practitioners working with children and young people to help assess and identify the needs of children and young people, and to put in place appropriate support
- to give greater clarity for parents and carers about their child/young person's needs and how their child should be supported at school.

Any queries you can also drop us a email on admin@brentpcf.org

