



Parent Carer Forum
Cheshire West & Chester

Parent Carer Forum 2025

The Role of The Parent Carer Forum



Department
for Education



contact *For families
with disabled children*



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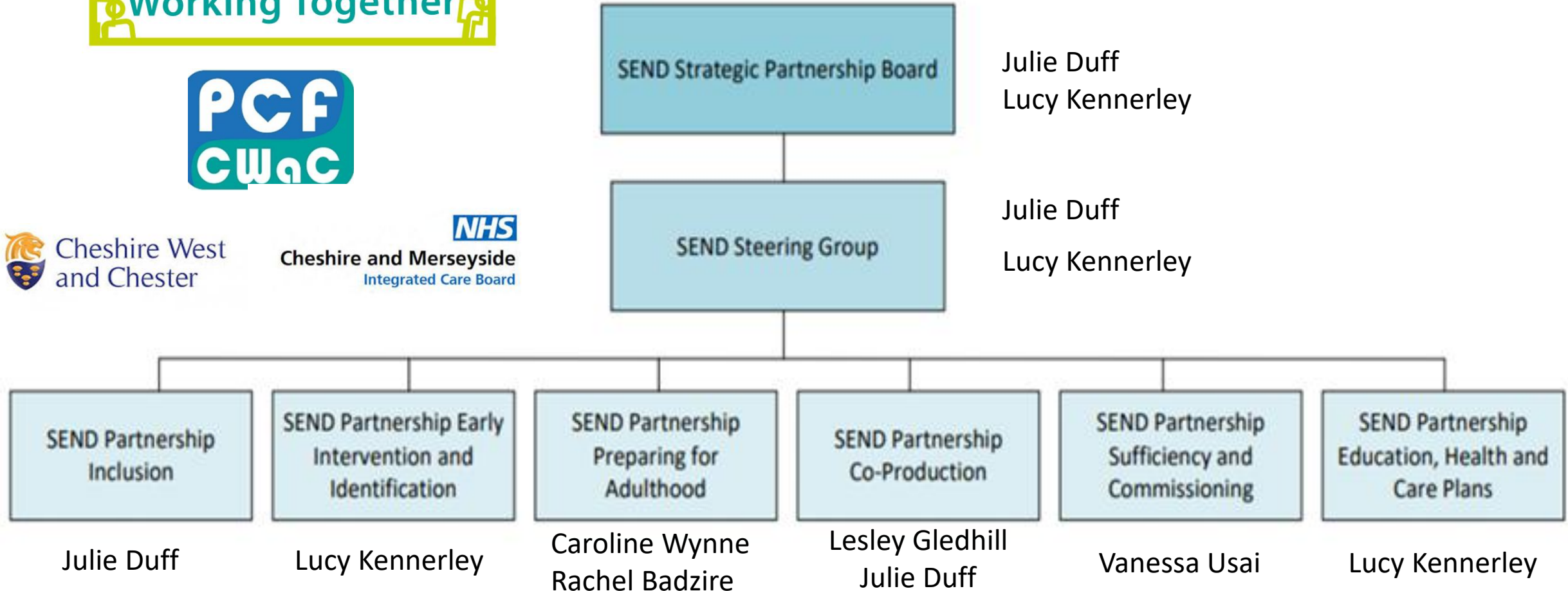


Cheshire and Merseyside
Integrated Care Board



Cheshire West
and Chester

Cheshire West & Chester SEND Governance Structure 2025/26





What We Do & Don't!

DO

-  We Feed Back
-  We Co-Produce
-  We Signpost
-  We Keep You Informed
-  We Plan for the Future

DON'T

-  We're Not in a Fight
-  We Don't Provide Services Directly
-  We're Not a Protest Group
-  We Don't Advocate Individual Cases

Our Mission:

Amplify Voices: Advocating for your child's needs within Education, Health and Social Services.

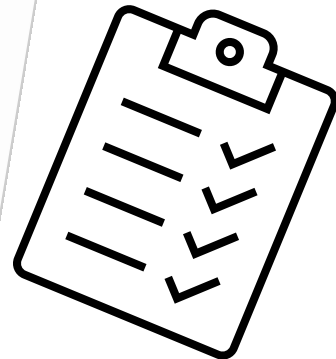
Partnership: Collaborating with services to fill support gaps.

Expert Advice: Providing guidance and resources, no diagnosis needed.

Continuous Improvement: Working together to improve services for all children with SEND.

Independence:

Please note: We are independent, not affiliated with the council. Which helps us truly represent your lived experiences.





Forums



Third Sector Meeting



Focus Groups

How we capture
parents' Carers voice



Social Media



Bi- annual surveys



School Reps



Coffee Events

School & College Reps!



PCF
CWAC



Oaklands High School

Rosebank

Archers Brook

Dewren College

Petty Pool College

St Chads Primary

Neston Primary

Lostock Primary

Hartford High School

Whitly Village School

Dorin Park

Ellesmere Port College C of E High School

Tarvin Primary School

Sandiway Primary

Weaverham High School

Grange School

Hinderton

Barton Primary
Resource
Provision

Helsby High School

Mainstream and
Special School
Vacancies

We're
HIRING

Parent Carer Forum Survey 2024

Key Themes

- Communication and culture
- EHCP Process
- Amazing Charity Network who supported families
- Lack of Access to Services - Wrap around care/Short Breaks
- Eligibility Criteria – Equity across the borough
- Emotional Toll on parents

[Read Full Report Here!](#)



Parent Carer Forum Survey 2025/26



What We'll Be Able to See

How communication, trust and partnership have changed since 2024

Whether transparency and co-production have improved

If training and accessibility are reaching more families

What We'll Be Looking For

Any continuing gaps in communication

Waiting times for therapies and health services

How well transitions are supported (early years → school → post-16)



Next Steps

- ➡ Once the survey is complete, we can compare with 2024 findings, celebrate improvements, and identify new priorities.



Coffee Events



SEND Parent Carer Coffee Morning

Starting Well and the Parent Carer Forum are hosting a friendly SEND drop-in coffee morning. Come along for a relaxed chat, meet other parent carers, and find out about services that can help you and your family.

In attendance:

Early Navigators • Starting Well • PCF

Everyone welcome, we'd love to see you there!

Venue: Wharton Children's Centre
Bradbury Rd, Wharton Rd, Winsford CW7 3HN

www.pcfcheshirewest.org/whats-on

UPCOMING START DATE
28TH APRIL 2025

CHESTER SEND PARENTS' DROP-IN SESSIONS

FREE RESOURCES PROVIDED TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

SEND PRACTITIONER ATTENDING FOR ADVICE AND TO PROVIDE RESOURCES

FRIENDLY FACES AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

TEA, COFFEE AND BISCUITS PROVIDED

EVERY TERM TIME MONDAY 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

VICTORIA CHILDREN'S CENTRE, CHEYNEY RD, CHESTER CH1 4BR

LITTLE ONES WELCOME!

UPCOMING START DATE
28TH APRIL 2025

ELLESMERE PORT SEND PARENTS' DROP-IN SESSIONS

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SEND PRACTITIONER ATTENDING FOR ADVICE AND TO PROVIDE RESOURCES

FRIENDLY FACES AND A WELCOMING ATMOSPHERE

CAFE ON SITE!

These are relaxed, supportive gatherings where parents can drop in for advice, connect with others facing similar experiences, and access free resources.

LITTLE ONES WELCOME!

EVERY TERM TIME MONDAY 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

BRIDGE COMMUNITY FARM, MILL LN, GREAT SUTTON, ELLESMERE PORT CH66 3NE

[View Coffee Events Page Here](#)

PCF News & Events



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Virtual Parent Training
Tue 14th Oct 2025
10am – 11.30am

Empowerment & Communication

Be empowered to **advocate confidently** and **communicate effectively** with professionals **supporting your child** or young person **to achieve the best outcomes** with our **FREE online training**.



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We want to hear from parents and carers

Come along and listen to our speakers, share your views and experiences, get support, connect with other parents and carers... at any of the following events...

In-Person Forums

Neurodiversity Forum
Thursday 13th November 2025
9:30am – 1:30pm
Hartford Golf Club, Northwich

Preparation for Adulthood
Thursday 26th February 2026
9:30am – 1:30pm
Civic Hall, Ellesmere Port

Education, Inclusion & Mental Health
Tuesday 12th May 2026
10:00am – 2:00pm
Vicars Cross Golf Club, Chester

Online Forums

PCF Who Are We? & Meet the Directors
Tuesday 30th September 2025
10:00am – 11:30am

Early Years – Sleep & Toileting
Thursday 4th December 2025
10:00am – 11:30am

Benefits & Support
Wednesday 11th March 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

Short Breaks & Charitable Support
Tuesday 9th June 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

Drop-Ins & Coffee Events

Wharton Children's Centre, Winsford:
Fri 10th Oct 2025, 10am-12pm

Lache Children's Centre, Chester:
Fri 23rd Jan 2026, 1.30pm-3pm

Stanlaw Abbey Children's Centre, E Port:
Fri 12th Jun 2026, 10am-12pm

Neston Community Centre, Neston:
Fri 1st May 2026, 10am-12pm

We will be attending other Coffee Events in 2025/26 so please check our website for updates.

Online Parent Training

Empowerment & Communication
Tuesday 14th October 2025
1:00pm – 2:30pm

Help to navigate the SEND system
Tuesday 13th January 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

Support in Education
Thursday 30th April 2026
10:00am – 11:30am

*All events are free and everyone is welcome.
In-person and online events require booking. All information about our events will be on our website.*

www.pcfcheshirewest.org



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Free Parent/Carer Event
Thurs 26th Feb 2026
9:30am – 1:30pm

Preparation for Adulthood

Everything you need to know about the transition to adulthood, including education, employment, and independence.

Marketplace: Stands & Information on colleges, support and services in your area will also be available.



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9:30am – 1:30pm

Neurodiversity Forum

Explore the latest developments in supporting neurodivergent children across SEND and discover where to access the right support.

Marketplace: Stands & Information on support, groups and services in your area will also be available.

A snapshot of our work in 2024-2025

2024



2025

ENGAGEMENT



COMMUNICATION



CO-PRODUCTION



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Thank you.