



We are making a difference.

Dorset Parent-Carer Council has over 600 members. The strength of the group lies in the wealth of shared experience among its members.

This knowledge and expertise is used to influence and inform the provision and design of services used by our families and our children and young people. To achieve this, members of DPCC meet regularly with the Director of Dorset Children's Services, and sit on many boards, committees and groups across Education, Health and Social Care. We have representatives at Dorset Special Schools and links with numerous organisations that provide the services we use.

"It is so refreshing to be asked our views on services, to know that the issues we face will be taken back by the DPCC to the LA to make a difference for future families of children with additional needs."

Jo, mum of a child with ASD

Please join us and help us achieve our aim.

Become a member of Dorset Parent-Carer Council.

It's easy and it's free!

There is nothing pay and no obligation of any kind. If you are the parent or carer of a child with additional needs or a disability aged 0-25 living in Dorset, then you can join us. Members receive invitations to meetings and special information events, as well as regular newsletters reporting on our activities. We will keep you informed about current developments both local and national.

How do I join?

Simple! Just fill in your details on the application form on the opposite page, and return it to the address shown on the back page. Or visit our website and join online at: www.dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk

So please fill in the form and return it to us TODAY.

Remember, the more members we have, the stronger our voice.

Application form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone contact number: _____

email address: _____

Would you be interested in becoming a Committee Member?

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Would you be interested in becoming a Parent Representative and sitting on working groups set up by service providers alongside a Committee Member?

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About your child/children with a disability/ additional needs

Age(s) _____

School(s) attended: _____

Services you access for your child/children with a disability/additional needs

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| ☐ Continence Service | ☐ Speech and Language |
| ☐ Transport | ☐ Special Education/Statementing |
| ☐ Mobility Service | ☐ Short Breaks |
| ☐ Occupational Therapy | ☐ Direct Payments |
| ☐ Physiotherapy | ☐ Educational Psychologist |

Any other services accessed? (please list)

Who we are

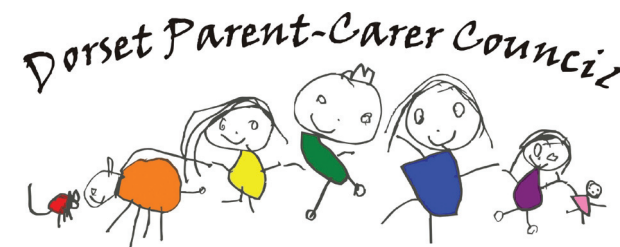
Formed in 2009, and made up of volunteer parent carers, Dorset Parent-Carer Council is one of a large network of parent/carer groups and forums that have been set up across England over the last few years. Forums like DPCC exist in almost every local authority area.

We represent the parent carers of Dorset children and young people who have a wide range of needs and disabilities. Members of DPCC come from across the county.

Our aim is to improve the lives and opportunities for Dorset families and young people who are disabled or have additional needs. By listening to parents' views, opinions and questions, we can help shape existing services, and those being planned for the future. We can help ensure that the local authority, health and social care provide what parents and children need and want. Parents are the experts, so it makes sense for service providers and planners to listen to what we have to say. This is why we are active members of many professional boards.

"Dorset Children's Services are delighted to be working closely with the Dorset Parent-Carer Council (DPCC). As parents, you know and understand your children's needs best and we very much value your input and feedback. You can be confident that your voices are heard and that you're helping us to ensure services meet your family's needs."

Sara Tough (Children's Services Director)



Making Positive Change for Children and Young People with Disabilities and Additional Needs

Dorset Parent-Carer Council is run by parents for parents and for our families.

We work with you to provide a strong and united voice for families in Dorset.

Our aim is to inform the work of all agencies and services that offer help, advice and benefits to us and to our children.

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"Wish the DPCC had been in existence 10 years ago when Samuel was diagnosed, it was such a struggle to find information and support."

Parent

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