



# The Parents' Forum for Bradford and Airedale

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Are you a parent carer of a child or young person with a disability or special educational need, living in the Bradford district?

## What is a forum?



The PFBA is a charity formed by parent carers of special needs children and young people. Our aim is to make sure that disability services in Bradford meet the needs of disabled/SEN children and their families.

Forums are independent and not part of the council of health service,

## How do we help to make services meet children's needs?

Our forum promotes parental voice to influence change through listening events, discussion groups and working groups.

We gather the views of local families and work with the council, education settings, health providers and other services to highlight where local services are working well, or challenge when changes or improvements need to be made.

## Who can join a forum?



The forum is open to parent carers, guardians and foster parents of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities, aged 0-25, living in the Bradford district. If you access any education, health or care services in the area you are welcome to join us too.

## Is the forum a campaign group?



Campaigning is not aligned with the forum's ethos to work with services to help them understand the experiences of families, and find solutions to the issues. We influence change through working together and constructively challenging service providers.

The forum acknowledges the important role that campaign groups have in helping to get the voice of parents heard. We are happy to work with campaign groups by feeding back the issues they raise and providing them with information.

## How much does it cost to join?



Parent Carer Forums are free to join. You will receive newsletters and updates including ways you can share your views and experiences of services.

## How can I play a part in this?



There are lots of different ways to get involved from sharing one of our social media posts, to attending an event. Everyone is welcome.

## How can I find out more?



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There are roles such as Trustees and parent carer representatives within the forum. The amount of time spent helping can vary enormously and can fit around caring commitments.

The more people that get involved, the more we can accurately represent what it is like for families with disabled children and young people.

**Shaping services together for families in Bradford**