

## COMMUNITY

**Rochdale Council** 

## **Rochdale Parent Carers Voice**

'Rochdale Parent Carers Voice' is an independent parent forum that represents the views and voice of families and young people (aged up to 25 years) with additional needs and or disabilities in the Rochdale Borough. We aim to enable parents to be resilient and positive through being empowered and involved. We work on the principle that our voices are louder together!

We provide training and courses for parents and professionals, we influence services and practices, we share information and signpost to services and we have a 'Rochdale Parent Carers' Voice Chat' Facebook page for parent to parent support and advice.

We work very closely with the Local Authority and have recently started to work directly with Rochdale's new 'Parent Carer Officer' – Justin Henderson. Justin works with parents and carers across the borough, providing information on the services, organisations and provisions available to families who have a child with an additional need or disability. Justin also works with parents and carers to develop the services Rochdale provides, meeting with parent groups to obtain their views and working collaboratively with the groups including Rochdale Parent Carers Voice.

As 'Rochdale Parent Carers Voice' we feel the information day, and our involvement in it, is a great step in the right direction. It provides us as parents and carers to obtain all the information we need to support our families in one place as well as creating a doorway for new families to come and explore what services and support is out there for our children and young people.

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