

# contact *For families with disabled children*

Dear Parent/Carer

My name is Catherine Ratcliffe and I am an Associate working for Contact (formerly Contact a Family) Contact is the delivery partner for the Department for Education for Parent Participation. I have been asked by Contact to work with parents and carers in Luton to re engage parents and carers and refresh your Parent Carer Forum. Luton Parent Carer Voice steering group has ended and some of those involved will remain and join in the new refreshed forum. Currently there is no Chair or Vice Chair of the group.

The purpose of participation in this context is to ensure better outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families. It is about the involvement of parents with a range of professionals and strategic managers in the early stages of planning and the subsequent delivery of services. The benefit of actively involving parents in decision-making is an integral part government legislation and plans, and evidence suggests that services are improved when parents are actively involved in shaping them.

I would like to invite you to one of the virtual meeting listed below to discuss how parent participation and co production might be developed further in your area. It is essential that as parents/carers that it is your voice that is heard in the design and development of services for your children and young people.

The meetings will be on  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10-30 to 12-00  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 12-00 to 1-30pm  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 7-00 to 8-30pm

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Yours sincerely,

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