



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum

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Feedback from the Head of Service for Inclusion Parents Voice Report Jan – March 26

The local area always welcomes LPCF's report, and the valuable insights it provides into the experiences of children, young people, and families.

The report highlights concerns about support not being available or accessed early enough. Robust and meaningful early intervention remains a key priority across our local partnership work. We recognise the importance of ensuring families and professionals understand what support is available, how to access it, and how to implement it effectively at the earliest opportunity. To support this we continue to update and develop [Lincolnshire's SEND Local Offer](#), with the work coproduced across a wide range of agencies, and stakeholders, including LPCF.

We also note the continued perception from some families that mainstream schools are not adequately resourced to meet need. While a broad range of support, training and specialist advice is available across the local area, these findings prompt important reflection on whether support is being accessed consistently, effectively, and early enough to make a meaningful difference to children, young people, and families. This will remain an important area of focus as we continue to work with educational settings and partners to strengthen inclusive practice.

It is encouraging to see evidence that where professionals listen carefully, explain processes clearly and work consistently alongside families, confidence improves and experiences are more positive. These findings reinforce the importance of embedding relational practice and effective communication across all services as a standard way of working.

We recognise that concerns around the SEND system are increasingly developing into wider anxieties about whether mainstream provision, current pathways, and the proposed SEND Reforms, will be sufficient to meet need.

The findings relating to transitions are important and will help inform the development of the Experts at Hand element of the SEND Reforms, including consideration of how support can be strengthened during preparation for adulthood and post-16 transitions.

We fully understand the uncertainty many families are currently experiencing, compounded by the limited detail nationally regarding several elements of the SEND Reforms. As further information emerges following the national consultation process, it will be essential that implementation is shaped through genuine co-production with families and supported by clear, consistent, and accessible

communications. Reducing uncertainty and building confidence must remain a key priority throughout the transition and LPCF will remain a key and crucial partner throughout.