



Southampton Co-Production Examples

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- Southampton A-Buzz Parent Forum
 - Working with the Local Authority prior to SEND Pathfinder work through “Aiming High” funding.

- With the introduction of the SEND Pathfinder
 - Local Authority contacted the Forum & Southampton Mencap to start co-production work.



- Southampton A-Buzz Parent Forum and Southampton Mencap were commissioned to
 - Lead on parent engagement to raise awareness of parents of the new changes and respond to needs by organising specific workshops/events in various settings on the following:
- Integrated Assessments (EHC Plan)
- Personal Budget
- Local Offer
- Short breaks



Positive outcomes from feedback:

- CYPDS leaflet for parents/carers on the Integrated Assessment (EHC Plan)
- Visual Local Offer and initiating a face to face information centre.
- Parents/carers representations in all Steering Groups
- Re-designed Southampton Short breaks - more inclusive
- Professionals focused to engage more meaningfully with parents/carers and young people.
- Raised profile of A-Buzz Forum
- Change in relationship between the L.A and providers of services
- Shift in culture within all relevant organisations.
- The A-Buzz Forum has increased participation of parents/carers in all aspects of the SEND Pathfinder.



- Parents/carers have embraced the new SEND Pathfinder processes and some have already used the information to work with their relevant settings to achieve the 'best outcome' for their children/young people.
- Thank you:
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