



Halton SEND Carer's Forum

Quarter 1 Newsletter 2021



What The Forum achieved this quarter?

The Forum appointed a new Engagement Officer in September. We would like to welcome Jamie into our forum family. Jamie is a parent carer and has first-hand experience of having a child with autism. Jamie can be contacted by email on office.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com.

Successful Outcomes

After receiving feedback from parents and carers that they felt there was an issue with communication between themselves and Halton Borough Council, the Forum conducted a survey via Mentimeter to dig deeper into the issues raised.

The Forum presented Halton Borough Council with the findings, held several Zoom meetings, and are working closely with them to help implement strategies to improve future communication between the council and parents and carers in the borough

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Event Updates

DAD Day

We had a successful day at the Disability Awareness Day on the 12th September 2021. We met a lot of great people and connections that will help us continue to provide a great service within our community.

Gala Day

We had a very successful Wellbeing Gala Day on 23rd October at Brookvale Community Centre. Lots of local services attended and 3 local councillors. It was a great networking event and we received amazing feedback. Thank you everyone for all your support and we look forward to the next one.



Wheel of Fortune – Monthly Lottery

Winner October



We have introduced a monthly Wheel of Fortune Lottery.

It works by entering with your name at £5.00 per name. You can enter as many times as you like, as long as you are aged 18 and over.

To enter our monthly lottery you can email us at info.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com or office.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com or send us a message via our Facebook page.

All entries to be paid by the 20th of each month, the live draw takes place on the 30th of each month.

Fundraising Opportunities

Easyfundraising

We have registered with easyfundraising to help raise additional funds. This works by our supporters registering for free via the website or app and using it when making online purchases.

WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

The retailer then sends a free donation at no extra cost. Up to now there are 6,000 online retailers who will donate. As well as online shopping, if our supporters book a holiday, flights, train tickets and much more, we can also raise money. Please think of Halton SEND Carers Forum when making an online purchase.

Short Breaks

Thank you to all our members who participated in the Mentimeter survey for Short Breaks. The results have since been fed back to Disabled Children's Service. The results have been put on our facebook page for public view.

A copy of the results can be obtained also by emailing us at info.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com

In addition to the survey we would also like to thank everyone who attended the Short Breaks Coffee Evening where Children's, Parents and Carers views were shared with Halton Borough Council Commissioners for Short Breaks for services going forward in the borough.

If you have any ideas you would like to share then please email them to office.haltoncarersforum@gmail.com.



Preparing for Adulthood – Post 16

A Preparing for Adulthood coffee evening with Paula Edwards from Halton Borough Council PFA services was held with parents and carers in attendance. We would like to thank everyone who came as this was a great success.

The Forum will be working with this department going forward to make the information about this service more Parent FRIENDLY.

The current link to the Local Offer about PFA is:

[PfA – Employment Pathway | Local Offer \(haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk\)](https://www.haltonchildrenstrust.co.uk/PfA-employment-pathway-local-offer)

Plans for the FORUM next Quarter

We have many Fundraising opportunities coming up, plus more informal coffee evenings with service providers from Halton Borough Council.

We are planning an informal information day on 19th March 2022, where you can come and meet the service providers from Halton Borough Council face to face and see what they can offer.

We are continuing to attend strategic meetings with the relevant departments of Halton Borough Council, Disability Children's Services, Inclusion Service, Preparing for Adulthood and Transport to help shape and better the service provisions in Halton. This is supported by the feedback we have received, and continue to receive, from Children, Parents and Carers in the community as **YOUR VOICE COUNTS.**

Any Queries or additional information needed on any issues in our newsletter?

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