



Dorset Parent Carer Council Annual Report

As this is Dorset Parent Carer Council's (DPCC) first AGM the Annual Report will mostly look at where we have come from and future plans.

From our start in 2009 we have always worked and expected to work with all services who support and care for all children and young people with special educational needs or a disability and we aim to do this in coproduction.

We are steadfast in our core belief "nothing about us without us" and have held onto this in spite of having to navigate numerous Children Services reorganisations, senior leadership changes and the appointment of 5 Children Services Directors during the 12 years since we began.

We have worked hard to continue to have a place 'at the table' with an equal voice. We have remained actively involved in decision making and strategic boards ensuring we represent the views and experiences of our membership and the wider special educational needs and disability community.

As of 21 October 2021, Dorset Parent Carer Council membership is 489.

In the last 18 months both the Local Authority and Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group have demonstrated a renewed commitment and determination to work collaboratively. This is positive and has the potential to improve the lives of local children and young people with SEND and their families. Our working relationship with Dorset Council and Dorset CCG will be further strengthened with the development of a long-awaited Partnership Agreement. This Partnership Agreement provides a framework that describes how we work together, including measures that will show how we are making a difference. The Partnership Agreement is almost ready and will be shared with members soon.

A major focus for the Parent Carer Forum is sustainability, we must ensure Parents and Carers continue to have an opportunity to have a voice in all aspects of service design and services delivery. The Trustees decision to employ the Participation Coordinator was a fundamental part of the DPCC long term sustainability plan. The Trustees have now supported a request to further increase capacity by agreeing to employ an Administration and Communications Officer which will also be a paid position. The specification for this new role is being shaped and will be advertised soon.

The Trustees also want to see the creation of a separate DPCC Steering Group to oversee the day to day running of the Parent Carer Forum.

With less restrictions and more opportunities to meet face to face again, DPCC are looking to recommence planning for their Information Events. To assist with this, they are seeking an Events Co Ordinator to replace the parent carer volunteer who needed to stand down at the beginning of 2020.

All parents and carers of SEND children and young person possess a wealth of experience and many have additional skills or expertise too all of which are extremely valuable to DPCC, so please consider a paid or volunteering role with us. This could be a Trustee, Steering Group member, Representative, or Parent Panel member. Any time you are able to give is appreciated, and it's much easier than you might think to get involved and make a real difference.

The funding for our work comes from Department of Education through an annual grant funding process as does the funding we access from Dorset Council. Both grants are monitored to ensure we define our objectives and deliver outcomes. The Steering Group will begin work in the new year evaluating this year's grants and outlining the DfE grant application for 2022/23.

As a registered charity we can also apply for funding for specific projects and currently have two grants for health-related projects.

As the Chair of Trustees, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the DPCC Trustees, to the Steering Group, the Parent Panel volunteers, and to Participation Coordinator for all their hard work.

My thanks also to our Contact Regional Adviser, Sue Mennear and to the National Network of Parent Carer Forums. The National Network and Contact ensure we have a strong and supportive network who provide clear routes to escalate Dorset's local issues and experiences to key Ministers and NHS England Lead.

Finally on behalf of all the Trustees, I want to say a massive thank you to all those involved in education, health, and care, who, through the most difficult months of the Covid 19 Pandemic have continued to support families and wherever possible maintain vital services.

Thank you all!

Lesley Mellor

Chair Of Trustees



**'Our Strength Is Our
Shared Experience'**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Dorset Parent Carer Council

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2020	To	Period end date 3/29/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Dept.of Education	£7,500.00	-	-	7,500
Somerset PC Forum	£2,666.00	-	-	2,666
Dept.of Education	£7,500.00	-	-	7,500
Dorset Council	£15,000.00	-	-	15,000
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
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Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,666	-	-	32,666
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,666	-	-	32,666
A3 Payments				
Staffing costs	£19,071.96	-	-	19,072
Training	£300.00	-	-	300
Meeting costs	£100.00	-	-	100
Infrastructure costs	£864.12	-	-	864
Resources,information development	£1,209.58	-	-	1,210
Website charges/licences	£1,019.68	-	-	1,020
Carers remuneration	£155.00	-	-	155
Conference charges	£300.00	-	-	300
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,020	-	-	23,020
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	23,020	-	-	23,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,646	-	-	9,646
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	£15,607.34	-	-	15,607
Cash funds this year end	25,253	-	-	25,253

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK



Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Mrs LESLEY MELLOR
	Ms ANNMARIE CARTER

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Date of
approval

1/26/2022
1/26/2022



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
DORSET PARENT CARER COUNCIL

On accounts for the year
ended

29/03/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1191487

Set out on pages

1 AND 2 of supplementary sheets

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 29/03/2021

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination ~~(other than that disclosed below *)~~ which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

27.01.22

Name:

LINDA SMITH

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.