

**Parent and Carer Advisory Group**

**Purpose**

Parent and Carer Advisory group is the forum where parents, carers and volunteers will work together with local service staff and managers to co-design and evaluate services. This will help to ensure that babies, children and their families are at the centre of service design and delivery.

People with lived experience are valued partners and can bring their insights and perspectives to the design of services. Our vision for Leicestershire Family Partnership panel is for the Start for Life offer and our wider collective offer to be jointly reviewed and assessed and for individuals to share feedback based on their experiences to support the continuous improvement of these services.

**Meetings**

The group will meet approximately three times a year and will have a focus topic to discuss. The topic will be agreed by the group at the previous meeting.

**Membership**

Parents, young people, LCC officers: volunteer development officers, voice champions, voice and participation lead and family hubs staff will make up our core representation.

Wider partners will be invited as the group develops or as the group requires.

**Key Tasks and Responsibilities**

* Using the Lundy Model of Participation, we will create a safe platform for families and volunteers to inform professionals about a range of pre-planned issues and topics.
* Consult and engage with Leicestershire families to understand their barriers and enablers to accessing support at the right time.
* Work in partnership with families to review and develop locally produced resources.
* Offer a training /support package to encourage parents and carers to improve their participation experience with a view to informing operational leadership and strategic decision making.

**Governance**

This group will be lead and support by Leicestershire County Council’s Voice and Participation worker.

With the support of relevant staff members, information from this group will feed into Leicestershire County Councils Early Help Partnership and the Children and Families board