



Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council

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Welcome to the first Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council newsletter!

As most of you are aware we have been very busy already this year with the circulation of the Parent Questionnaires in schools. There is still time to register your comments if you have not already done so.

Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council Liaison Officer

My name is Coralie and I am the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council Liaison Officer.

This is a new role developed to increase awareness of the issues that parent carers face and to help identify hidden parent carers around Lincolnshire.

About me

I have been a member of the LPCC since its formation in 2006 and I represent the LPCC on several work streams, including the Carers' agenda.

I live in South Lincolnshire and have twin daughters; one with a disability. She has experienced both Special and Mainstream Education.

I, like many parents and carers of children with disabilities, have had to fight for provision of services and have struggled to gain information, therefore I feel very passionate about the chance to help other parents in my situation.

If you would like to join our network of parents and carers of children with disabilities or would like to get in touch please contact me on:

Tele 0777 945 6627

Email coralie.pcc@twinsmum.plus.com

Or go to our website

www.lincolnshireparentcarercouncil.org.uk

Transport Services

'Message from Amanda Hodge, lead on Transport Services Consultation.'

I became a member of the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council after my daughter had a bad experience with her transport. I feel that parents concerns have to be heard which is why I have stepped up to the challenge.

Ever since the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council was set up, transport services is an area they have wanted to look into. There are many children in the county with additional needs and they need taking to and from school. Some parents opt out of school transport but the majority use transport services.

We all want to be happy in the knowledge that our children are being taken to/from school safely, that they are happy and their needs are met. For the majority of parents this is not an issue **BUT** there are parents who do experience problems.

After doing a very small survey at one school and getting feedback via other members from around the county it became apparent that there were genuine concerns. For example:-

- Frequently the operator is changed, meaning there is no continuity of provision.
- There are concerns over the number of children per vehicle
- The length of the journeys was also a concern
- Are the Escorts medically trained?
- Are proper risk assessments done for children with complex medical needs?

I am pleased to say that the LPCC is presenting our findings to the Council in a planned meeting with Peter Broster, the Head of Special Educational Needs and Denise Carr, the Head of Transport Services.

If you would like to voice your opinion please contact us preferably by Email, alternatively send a SAE to LPCC. **Please insert 'transport Services' in the subject heading of your Email.**

Many thanks.

Amanda Hodge

Events for Carers Week

Lincoln ADHD support group event-Monday 8th June 10.30-13.00pm

**The Fox Executive Lounge
Sincil Bank Stadium
Lincoln LN5 8LD**

Tele:01522 539939

Email:lincoln.adhd@btconnect.com

LPCC Coffee Morning –Tuesday 9th June 10am-12 noon.

**Royal Mail Cart
Pinchbeck Road, Spalding**

For more information: Tele Coralie on 0777 945 6627 .

Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Snap Lunch –Thursday 11th June 12.30 –2pm

**The Brayford Suite
Newland Centre, Newland
Lincoln LN1 1XD .**

Tele 01522 542166 to book with dietary needs before 5th June

Minimum donation £3

Relax in a friendly environment where people care.

Can-Do Sports club –Saturday 13th June 2pm-3.30pm

Castle Sports Complex, Spalding.

Free sports session for children with disabilities, their non disabled siblings and friends.

For more information Tele 01775 840 856

Conferences

Short Breaks Conference -Thursday 25th June 2009 10am –2.30pm

**South Holland Centre
Spalding**

For more information -Tele 01522 550922 -Linda Leighton.