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for families with disabled children

**Strengthening Parent Carer Participation**

Dear Parent/Carer

Redcar and Cleveland currently do not have a formally recognised parent/carer forum. Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority are therefore working in partnership with Contact a Family to support the development of a new forum and we need your help and support.

We are aware that the parents/ carers in Redcar and Cleveland want the best for the children in our Borough and to ensure better outcomes for children with SEND and their families and to improve services for all service users. We want full involvement of parents with a range of professionals and strategic managers in the early stages of planning and the subsequent delivery of services. The benefit of actively involving parents in decision-making is an integral part government legislation and plans, and evidence suggests that services are improved when parents are actively involved in shaping them.

We would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss setting up a new forum in Redcar and Cleveland. It is essential that as parents/carers your voice is heard both now in establishing forum and in the future in the design and development of services for your children and young people. The meeting is on the

**18<sup>th</sup> September 10-00am to 12-00pm at Tuned In, Majumba Road, Redcar, TS10 5JB.**

To book a place at this event, please contact the Ellie Kerr on 01642 444496, or alternatively via the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/send-parentcarer-forum-tickets-36155232273?aff=es2>

Please come along and feel free to invite any other parents who you think might be interested. We really need your involvement in moving this forward and there can be nothing for you without you.

Yours sincerely,

Deanne Taylor / Catherine Ratcliffe