

Worcestershire Parents' Voice Newsletter



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Your Committee

I was delighted to have been elected Chair of Parents' Voice for the second time at our AGM in March along with my colleagues on the Committee: Sue Onions, Marcus Seale, Hazel Hyman, and Tracy Brind who is a relatively new recruit to the group. Our Committee Members are elected from our Core Membership and meet on a monthly basis to decide on the direction of the group.

As you may know, Parents' Voice was set up to represent parents across Worcestershire. We do this by seeking feedback about things that are important to parents. We use this feedback in a variety of ways; for example, supporting the work of Parents' Voice when we attend Children's Trust meetings with Worcestershire County Council.

Parents' Voice is supported by the Parent Engagement Adviser within Worcestershire County Council. We welcome Michele Davies, who has recently taken on this role, replacing Rachel Adams who had worked very closely with the group for a number of years.

We will be updating our membership database to make sure we have all your up to date information so please watch out for details of how you can assist us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and watch out for our regular emails, informing you of what's happening and how you can have your say!

Clair de Groot – Parents' Voice Chair

Keep in touch ...

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www.parentsvoice.co.uk

What is the Early Help Strategy?

'Improving the lives of families in Worcestershire'

For some families difficulties arise which, if nipped in the bud early enough, can be prevented from escalating. If 'early help' is not offered, this can, in the worst cases, result in children's social and emotional development being irreparably impaired and risking family breakdown. Early help gives families the opportunity to regain control of their circumstances without state support.

Worcestershire County Council need your thoughts on early help and how it might change the way children's centre services are delivered. Take part in the [Early Help Consultation](#), have your say and find out more.

Worcestershire Viewpoint

Worcestershire Viewpoint is the Citizens' Panel partnership between Worcestershire County Council, the District Councils, NHS Worcestershire and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service.

They are hoping to recruit over 6,000 residents to the panel, whose views and opinions will help to improve and develop all our services. You can find out more about Worcestershire Viewpoint and its partners at the following website link:

[Worcestershire Viewpoint website](#)

As a parent we think it is vital for you to join the panel so you can have your say about what's happening in Worcestershire as there are lots of changes ahead!

