


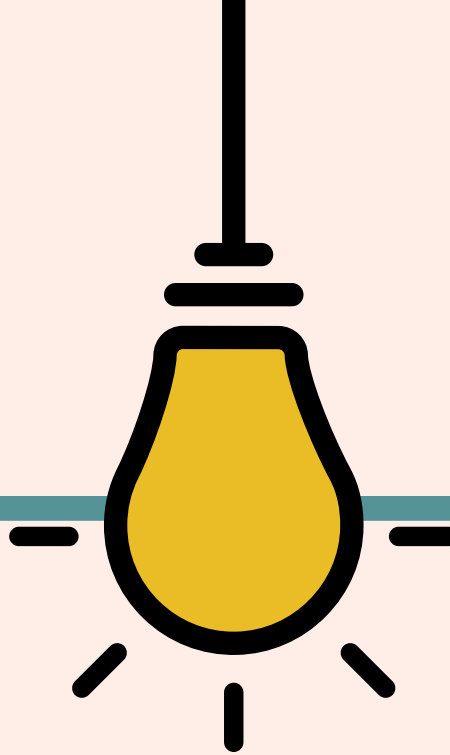


ALL ABOUT US!


That in January 2022 the Forum worked closely with an agency called Contact to appoint new forum officers to improve communications and engagement within the community. Let us know how we are doing   

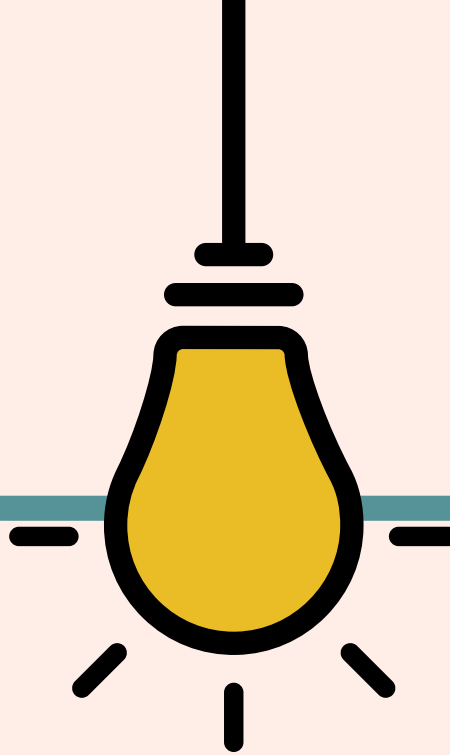


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Bristol Parent Carers is a registered charity & our aim is to seek to support & empower families to have their voices heard to ensure SEND services meet their needs. If you ever want to tell us anything, drop us a message or use our feedback form. 

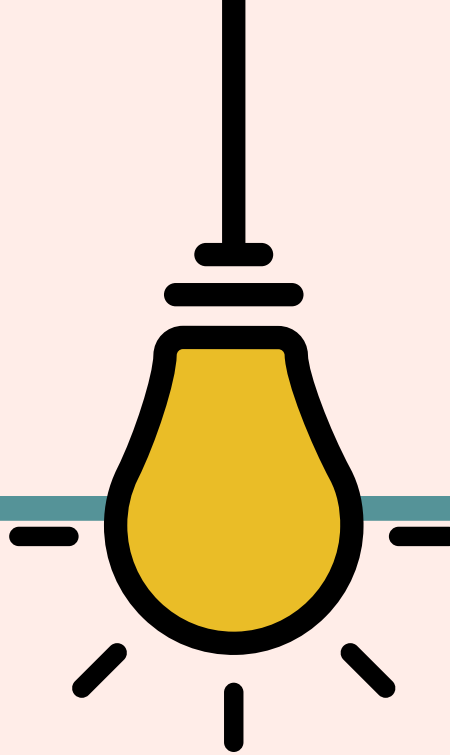


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Nearly everyone at the forum is a volunteer, we do not get paid to attend meetings to share your views and opinions. We are involved because we are passionate about improving services, we can only do this by hearing from you, get in touch any time, 



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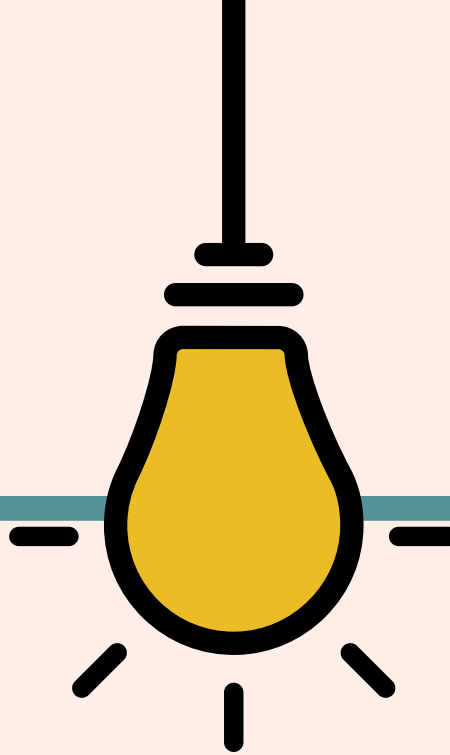


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To be a volunteer with the Bristol Parent Carers, you have to have a child between 0-25 years old with special educational needs and you have to live in Bristol and use the services here. If you'd like to volunteer drop us a message. 



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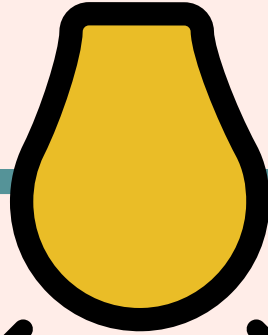


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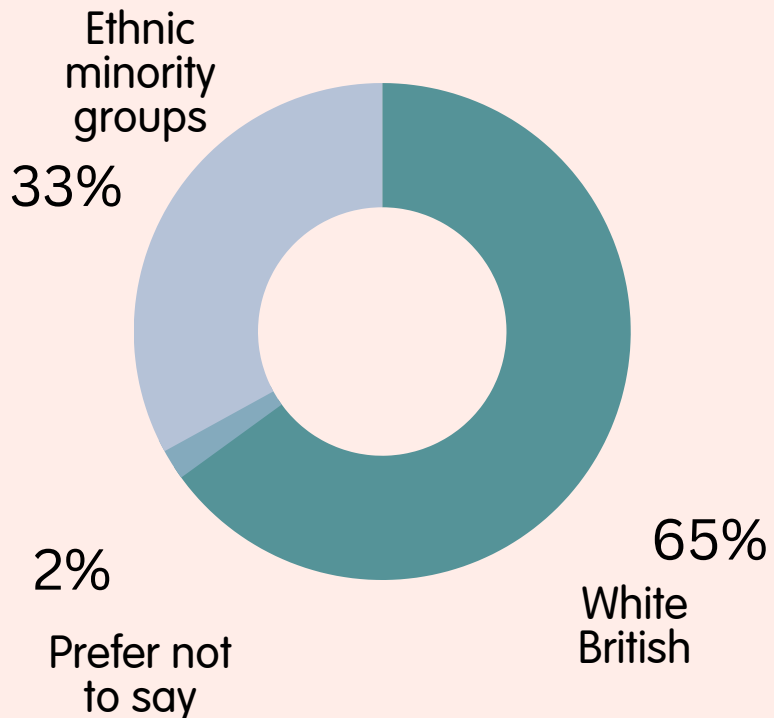
That in most areas of England a Forum works with service leaders to develop Co-Production, which means working with a Forum as an equal partner & listening to what they and their community say 



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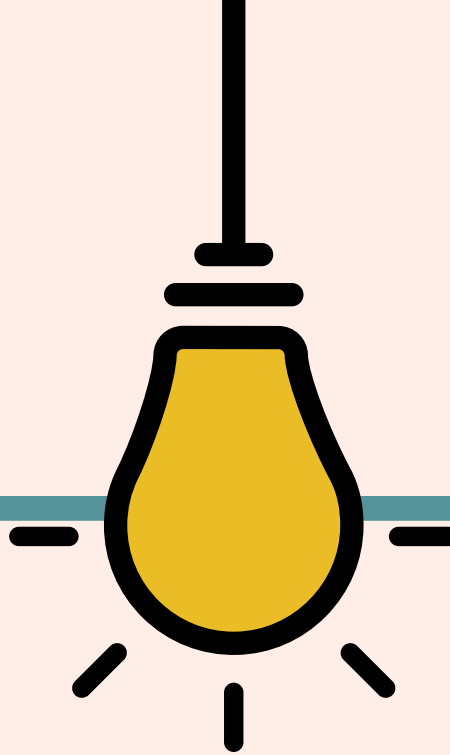
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Parent carers from all different Bristol communities access our coffee mornings. Everyone is welcome & we try to offer support for families that don't speak English 




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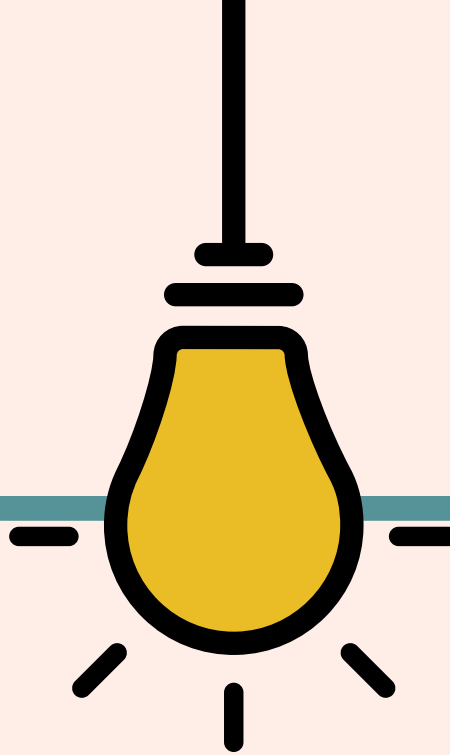
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That if your child has an Education Health and Care plan and they are moving to secondary school in September 2023, their Plan should have been reviewed by now, ready for the transition period.


Click to read more 



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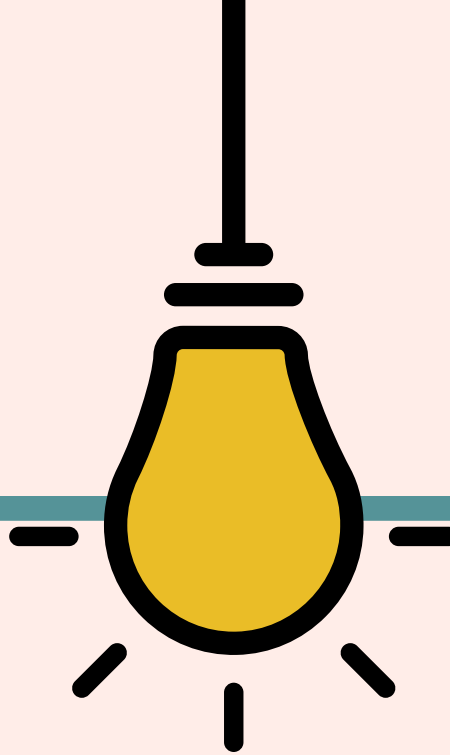


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That Bristol Parent Carer Forum hosts coffee mornings in schools across Bristol, we can provide information, signposting and some advice on services throughout the Bristol community. Ask your school to book a date or request one using our form, 

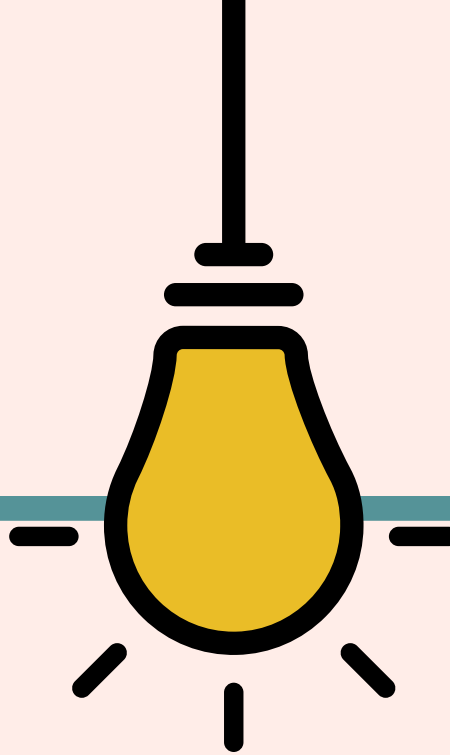


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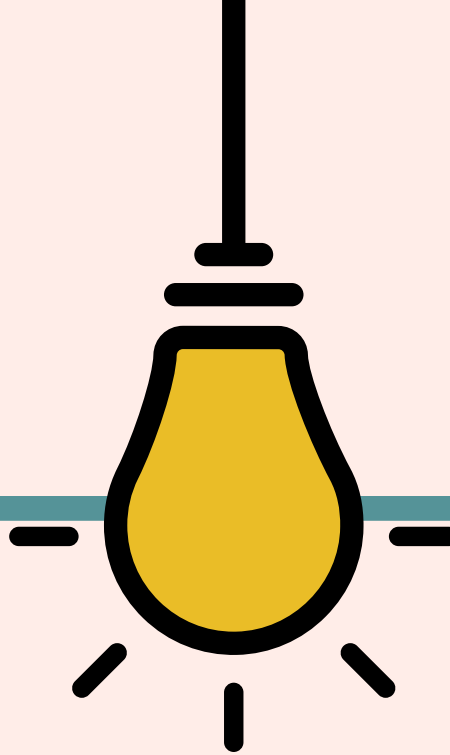
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That the Forum is usually funded by the Department for Education but this is not the case in Bristol. This means the Bristol SEND community is missing out on support & funding that a parent carer forum would usually offer. We are working hard to change that, please bear with us while we find other funding sources. 




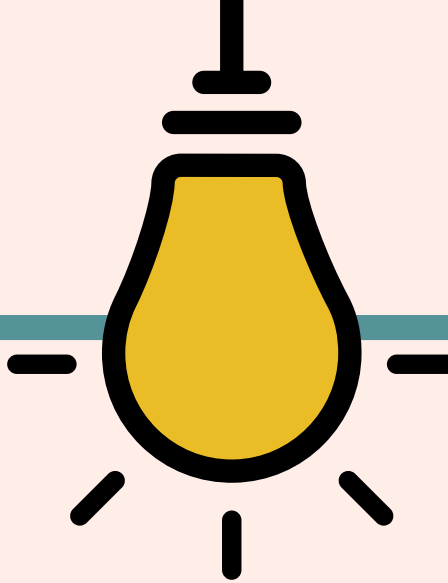
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A parent carer forum is a totally independent organisation - it is independent of the local authority (Bristol City Council) and local health services. This is important so that parent carer views can be presented without bias. 



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Across England, parent carer forums listen to what families say about services & share this with Education, Health and Social care managers. This ensures parent carer feedback is at the heart of any changes made. 



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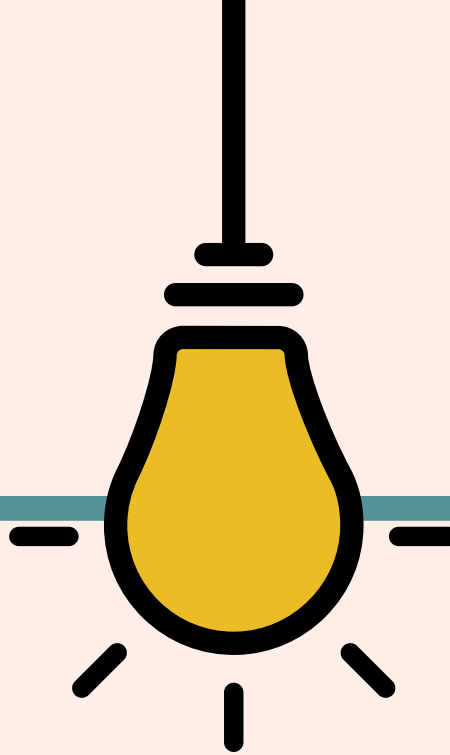
In some areas across England, parent carer feedback is not used effectively. This often means services don't work as well for families as they perhaps could.

This can lead to frustration for families and complaints about services which increases the workload of SEND service staff.

Working together as a team provides better services for families & more productive staff workloads. 



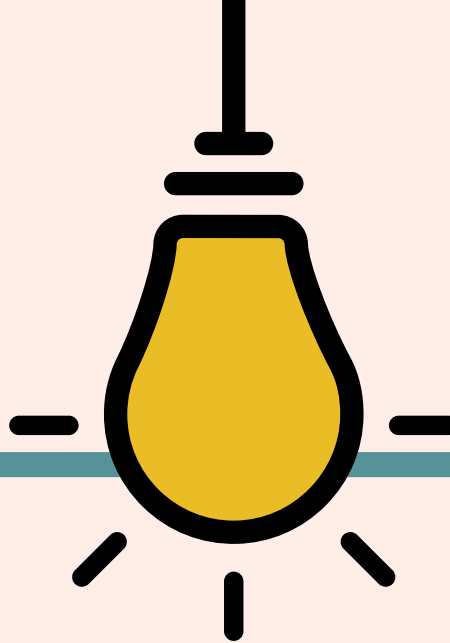
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Bristol Parent Carers works closely with health services to shape local services & ensure they deliver the right support at the right time & in the right way

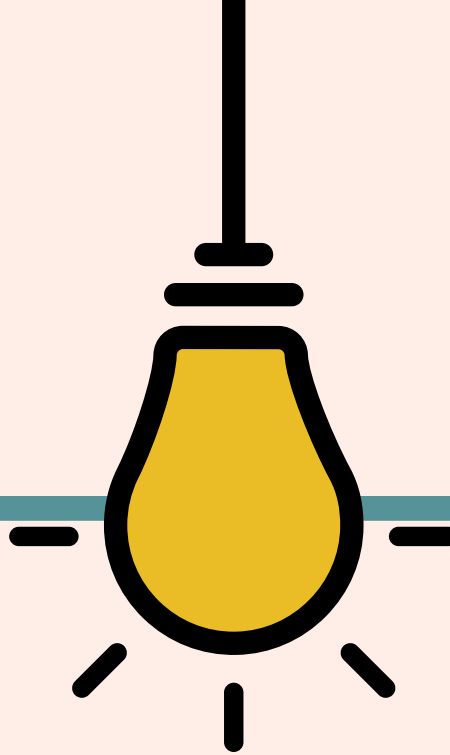
for families. 



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Even though Bristol Council don't work with us as equal partners in co-production utilising the Department for Education funding, we are continuing our work to support families. One way we do this is to make families aware of the support they can access, check out our new leaflet. 



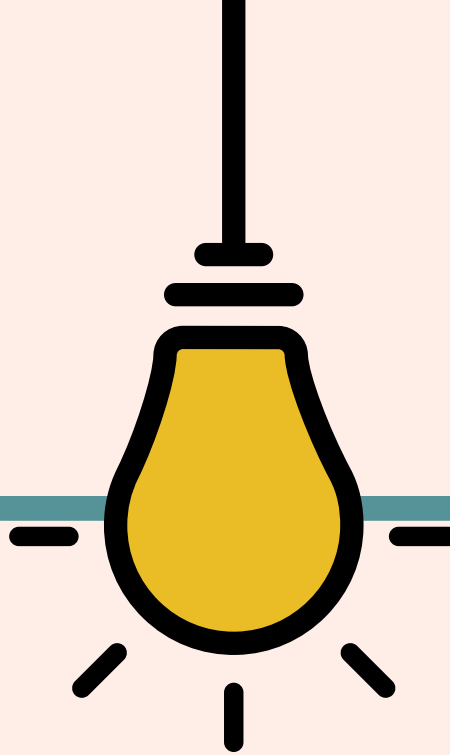
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We host coffee mornings in schools with parents & school staff. We make sure families know all about the support available from local organisations & charities, ask your school to book one today.





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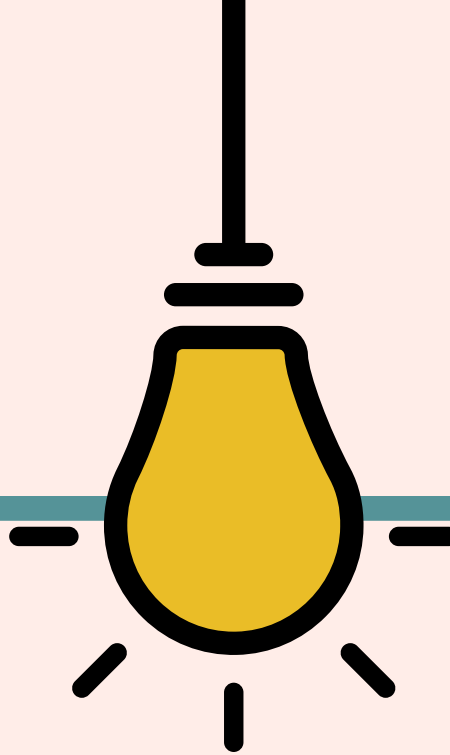
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We also host a SEND Surgery and coffee morning in South Bristol with other organisations, this provides families with specific advice on certain SEND issues they face. Click the link for the dates & times.





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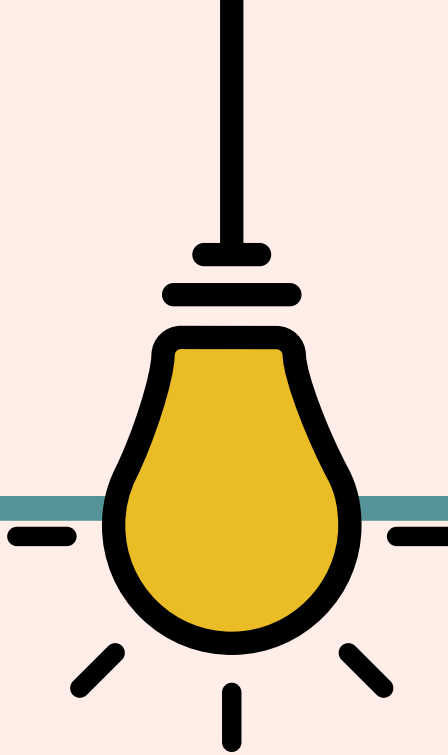
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There is also a service available called FLORA? It is a team of people that you or your school can call for help & advice on any area of SEND you need. From forms to clubs, give them a call.





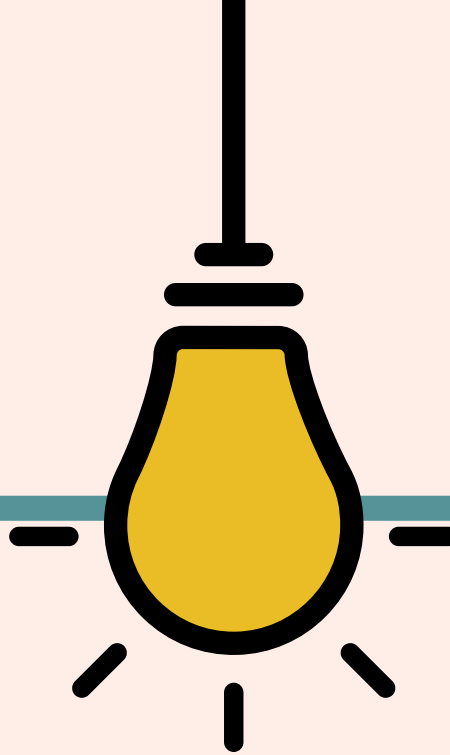
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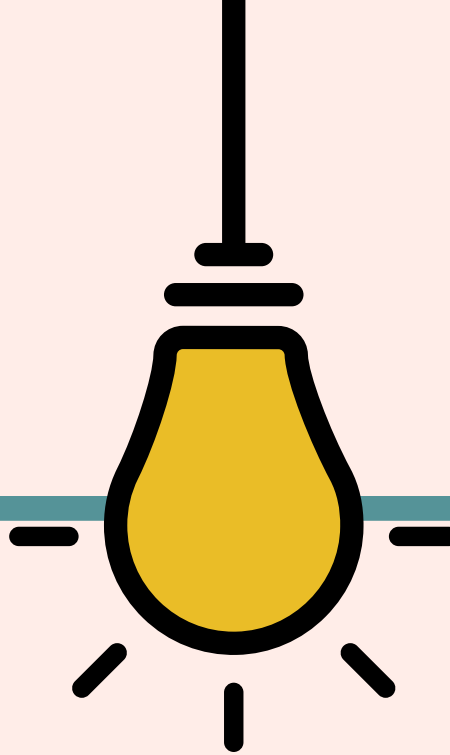
There is a team that you can call to access support to enable you to have some time away from your disabled child or children. Whether it's 30 minutes or overnight, give them a call.






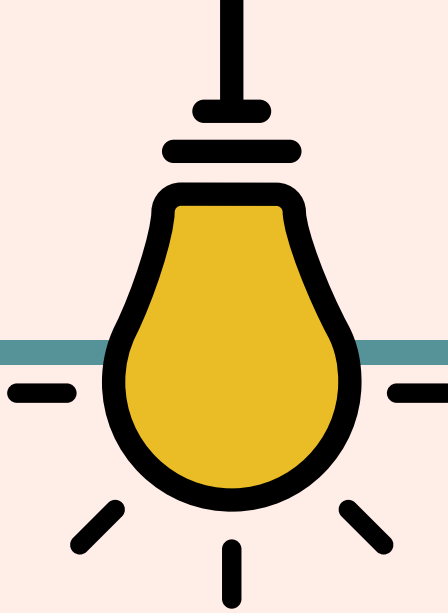
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Usually, a parent carer forum is funded by the Department for Education (DfE). Only one Forum can apply for & receive the funding & it can not be split between groups. In 2023 we are hoping to access the DfE funding to work with other organisations & improve SEND support in Bristol. 



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The Department for Education (DfE) funding can only be used in a very specific and fairly narrow way, we can't use it to provide an outing or activity, for example, it is purely for working with services & other organisations to make improvements 

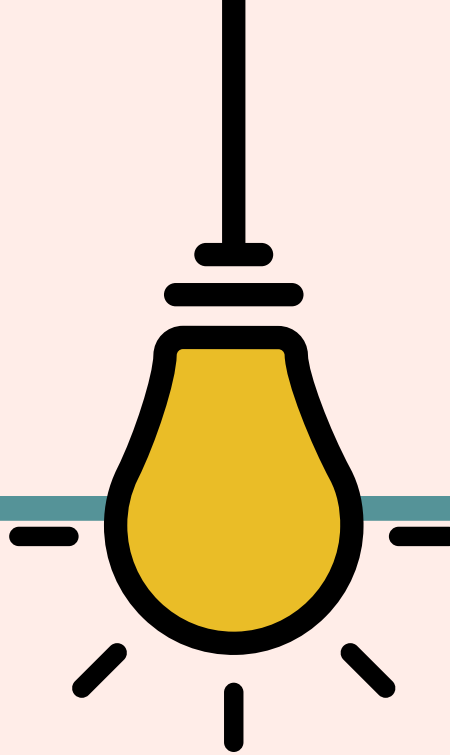


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Co-Production is a phrase often used but rarely understood. True co-production means involving everyone right from the start to shape and deliver a project. This ensures services deliver exactly what families need. If you can help us with that, get in

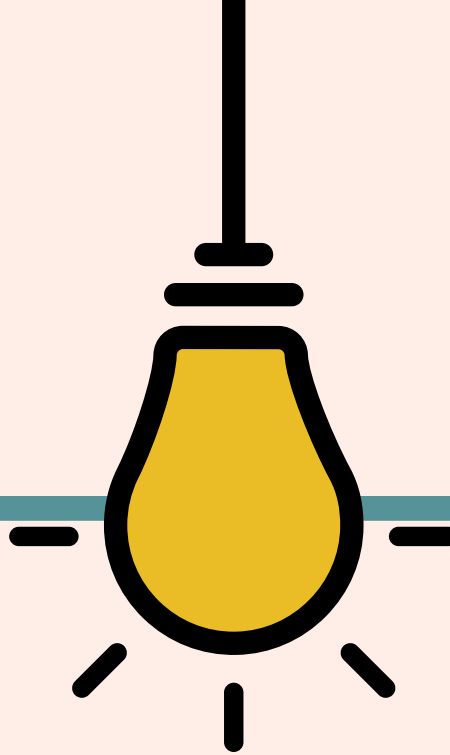
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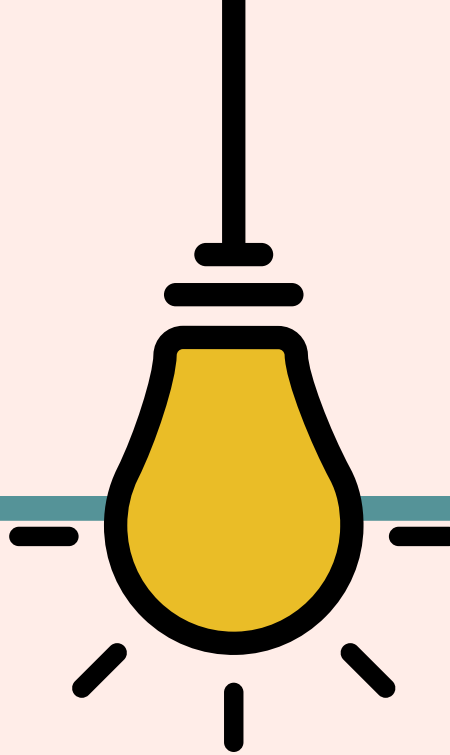
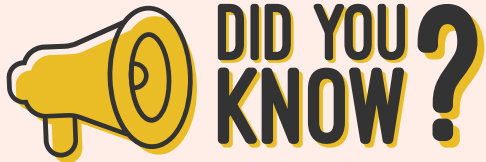
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Every other month, we run a different survey where we ask you to take two minutes to tell us something. check out this months survey and you could win a £20 high street voucher. 



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You can share your thoughts with us on any service, at any time by completing the form in the link, we don't care about spelling or grammar just let us know your thoughts, good and bad. 



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We are always looking for volunteers to join the forum, it doesn't have to be a big commitment. We have a "Friends of the Forum" approach, mainly online, for people who want to dip in and out - no commitment. 