

**May 2025**

Dear all,

Welcome to PPV May 's newsletter. We hope you find it useful to see all we have been doing.

We will be back to the office on Monday 2nd June 2025. Wishing you all a lovely half term.

PPV Team

### **PROJECTS PPV HAVE BEEN WORKING**

This half-term PPV have been busy supporting The Portsmouth Send Local Offer with planning for coproduction week. We will be hosting events throughout the week to encourage people to participate in coproduction. Coproduction week runs from the 30<sup>th</sup> June to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you are interested in learning more please contact us.

In our coproduction group SBFT we heard feedback from professionals after our workshops on Social Emotional Mental Health. It was great to hear how parent/carers lived experience with services has changed the pathways and shaped changes to services like CAMHS and MHST. We also worked on some videos for parent/carers attending first appointments with Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy.

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## Time spent in strategic meetings, parent hubs and 1:1s supporting Parent/Carers

85

HOURS

43

MEETINGS

3

PARENT/  
CARERS

## Year 2025

Parent/carers  
supported

1657

Parent/Carers who  
attended hubs in schools

231

Parent/carers who  
attended events

761

Parents/Carers  
supported individually

67



## PARENT/CARER QUOTES

"It was very nice and straightforward. I got everything I came for."

"It was very good, a lot of positives for myself and other parents. My son needs alternative help so some of the advice will partially help him and hopefully get him some extra support now."

"It was informative and easy to understand."



## Upcoming events

June  
**3**

### **CAMHS DROP IN**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX

June  
**9**

### **MORIAH COFFEE MORNING**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX

June  
**10**

### **SOLENT PARENT HUB**

**1:45pm – 2:45pm**

Solent Infant School (for Solent Infant School Parents only)

June  
**11**

### **MILTON PARK PARENT HUB**

**9:00am – 10:30pm**

Milton Park Primary School (for Milton Park School Parents only)

June  
**17**

### **ZOOM SLEEP COURSE**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Online - booking required

June  
**18**

### **ND DROP IN**

**9.45am – 11.45am**

Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX

June  
**24**

### **ZOOM SLEEP COURSE**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

Online - booking required

July  
**1**

### **CAMHS DROP IN**

**10:00am – 12:00pm**

Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX

July  
**14**

### **MORIAH COFFEE MORNING**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

Portsmouth Central Library, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth, PO1 2DX

July  
**16**

### **ND DROP IN**

**9.45am – 11.45am**

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These sessions are open to parent carers of children and young people with special additional needs and disability.  
Feel free to bring a friend or family member.

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## Spotlight on a Service



### SPOTLIGHT ON A SERVICE National Deaf Children's Society

#### What is National Deaf Children's Society?

The National Deaf Children's Society, is the leading charity for deaf children. They are for every deaf child who need support – no matter what their level or type of deafness or how they communicate.

#### What they do:

They give expert support on childhood deafness, raise awareness and campaign for deaf children's rights, so they have the same opportunities as everyone else.

#### Some of the things they support with are:

- **Helpline**, to support you with free independent information, advice and guidance on a range of topics relating to childhood deafness.
- **Advice and Guidance** officers can give one-to-one advice and guidance on a range of topics including education, communication, social care, discrimination, independence and welfare benefits. They are based around the UK, so they know your local area's support services and offerings.
- **Education Appeals Specialists** give independent advice and support to young people and parents of deaf children on special educational needs across the UK.
- **My NDCS: a free app for parents of deaf children** a free app to support you and your deaf child, today and as they grow.

- ...time, no matter what type of hearing loss you have.
- **Information and support** if you've just found out your child has a hearing loss, you need support with making decisions as your child grows up or you work with deaf children.
  - **Family involvement** As the parent or carer of a deaf child, there are many ways for you to get involved in the National Deaf Children's Society. By joining one (or all!) of the groups listed below, you can find out more about supporting our work, influencing decision makers in your area to help deaf children, or can simply share your story and experiences. Your experiences and insights can make a real difference.

## Accessing the service

**Website:** [www.ndcs.org.uk](http://www.ndcs.org.uk)

**Contact:** [Kayleigh.Greenwood@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Greenwood@ndcs.org.uk)

**Phone number:** 07974363480

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**Hi,  
I'm Kayleigh Greenwood.**

**I am your community connector  
for the National Deaf Children's  
Society in Hampshire.**

I'm here for you – offering support, sharing my experience, and helping you access local resources and services, including those from the National Deaf Children's Society, while also connecting you with other parents and deaf children in your community.

As a parent of a deaf child myself, I know how important it is to have the right support and people around you.

Our connection is on your terms – at your pace, in the way that works best for you. Whenever you need support, I'm here, and I look forward to connecting with you.

Email address:  
[Kayleigh.Greenwood@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:Kayleigh.Greenwood@ndcs.org.uk)

Phone number:  
**07974363480**



## Ellie Clarke

### Position at PPV and the year you joined:

Portsmouth Parent Voice Operations Assistant – 2024

### Reason for joining:

I'm really proud of lots of the events that we have helped organised to support parent carers in Portsmouth and signpost to the amazing work that lots of other services are doing in the city. Some examples of this include the Local Offer Live and the Celebrating Neurodiversity event.

### Biggest achievement whilst working at PPV:

One of my biggest achievements while working for PPV has been coproducing the Neurodiversity Parent Hubs in schools. This focuses on meeting the specific needs of families in each school, ensuring better outcomes for our children and young people and their families. Collaborating with schools and parent carers to create a plan that is meaningful has been incredibly rewarding.

### The song that gets you on the dance floor:

You Can Call Me Al by Paul Simon.

### Three people you'd invite to your dinner party (dead or alive):

Agatha Christie, Amelia Earhart and Sherlock Holmes.

### What superhero would you be and why:

Storm from X-Men so I could control the weather (more sunshine please!) and fly using the wind.

### If you were an animal what would you be and why:

I would be a dolphin. I love how social and playful dolphins are and I love swimming so the freedom to explore the oceans would be incredible!

### What I wanted to be when I was a child:

I wanted to be an author, I loved reading and wanted to write magical mystery books.

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**PPV is closed from 23rd May 2025.  
We are back in the office on 2nd June 2025.**



**TIME FOR A  
BREAK.**

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