

What is the purpose of the Parent/Carer network?

To contribute to reducing serious youth violence and exploitation.

To reduce parental isolation & increase accessibility to support networks/services.

To build a long-lasting network of parents who support and empower each other.

To include parental input on issues affecting young people within their community & have a voice in finding solutions.

To increase parents' awareness and knowledge of exploitation, safeguarding/child protection.

To empower parents to play an integral role in safeguarding and supporting their children.

What does it mean to be a Parent/Carer Champion?

Parent/Carer Champions are parents/carers of children and young people who are passionate about improving the safety for young people in their community. They will bring a **wealth of diverse life experiences**, and **solutions** which are invaluable to the community.

They volunteer on a regular basis to support and **empower** local parents in their area by offering advice, peer support & providing information about services. Parent Champions will use their **knowledge** of local agencies/organisations to assist parents who may have difficulties or be reluctant to access services.

Parent Champions will be a **bridge between the local authority and parents**, so that we can provide a whole community approach to safeguarding children/young people and **reduce preconceptions** about statutory services. They will raise awareness about child exploitation and safeguarding to contribute to safeguarding children/young people.