

# Your local Children's Hearing Services Working Group (CHSWG)



## Join us

We are a group of local professionals and parents of deaf children, who, along with deaf young people, are working together to improve local services.

## Get involved

We want to keep the views of deaf children, young people and their families at the centre of what we do. You are an expert by experience. Please join us to share your views.

## When and where?

We meet at least three times a year, usually online, making it easier for parents and professionals to attend. If we meet in person, we make sure that it isn't a barrier to parents being there.

## Find out more



Scan this QR code to find out more about CHSWGs and the support that is available or email [localengagement@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:localengagement@ndcs.org.uk) and one of our team will get in touch.

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Please contact us if you need help to access the meeting if English is not your first language, if you require a British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter, or if you have other access requirements and need support.

Get in touch if you would like to find out more.

## Why it's important for families of deaf children and young people to get involved

**Deafness isn't a learning disability;** with the right support there's no reason why a deaf child can't achieve as much as a hearing child.

Government figures show that **deaf children are likely to fall a whole grade behind their peers in their GCSEs in England** (Department for Education, 2021).

Deaf children's **entitlement to communicate and be communicated with** is fundamental to their development, progress and wellbeing (Ofsted 2012).

**Parents are experts by experience.** Tell local services what you need, to be able to make decisions that are right for your child/young person.

