

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 twice 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

Join other parents at an online Parents as Partners workshop run by the National Deaf Children's Society, to find out more about CHSWGs and the support that is available, or email localengagement@ndcs.org.uk and one of our team will get in touch.

Contact details for your local CHSWG:

CHSWG meetings are generally held in English. If you want to access the meeting in Welsh or British Sign Language (BSL), please let us know. Please also contact us if you have any 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.

Welsh Government figures demonstrate **attainment gaps across all key stages in Wales** (See StatsWales.gov.wales 2019).

"Close working with parents and young people as well as across organisations will lead to improved services for deaf newborns, infants, children, young people and their families." (Quality Standards for Children's Hearing Services Version 2 The Assessment and Audit Tool, July 2016).

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.