

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
07 December Month 2022**

Report Topic:	Sandwell Parents For Disabled Children Presentation
Contact Officer:	Jayne Ford Parent Carer Engagement Co-Ordinator
Link to board priorities	<p>1. We will help keep people healthier for longer</p> <p>Our service provides support sessions and activities for parent carers and the whole family to improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>2. We will help keep people safe and support communities</p> <p>We ensure our parent carer community are able to engage in all of our help and support activities, this enables our service to identify carers in need of extra help or support mitigating a crisis.</p> <p>3. We will work together to join up services</p> <p>SPDC work with a wide range of Sandwell support, education and health organizations in partnership and collaboration, identifying need, and utilizing shared resources to prevent gaps in provision.</p> <p>4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services</p> <p>As previously stated, we broker relationships with our partners to aid our community and use a strength-based approach to create assets that our community can utilize. Our service works across Sandwell with parents that care for disabled children.</p>
Purpose of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Film to demonstrate the challenges faced by parent carers in Sandwell and the work that Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children has

	<p>engaged in with the parent carer community to provide help and support. The short film also shows the achievements that have been made by our community in creating an art piece that clearly illustrates the challenges and joys of the role of a parent carer, and what support is needed from the wider community to ensure that they and cared for thrive and flourish not just survive.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/Cy_GL97a_QM</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Board receives and comments on the Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children Presentation
<p>Key Discussion points:</p>	<p>As Shown in Short Film presentation;</p> <p>Challenges faced by parent carers and what help and support is needed to aid them in their challenging role.</p> <p>How focused individualized support can aid parent carers and mitigate crisis by identifying need.</p> <p>How SPDC has been able to support the parent carer community by utilizing a coordinated approach ensuring that the whole family is supported and thrive.</p>
<p>Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?</p>	<p>Our short film presentation will be presented by two parent carers who have used the SPDC service and will give their observations of being part of the SPDC parent carer community. Both parents have been part of the short film Polly Somervell is a parent carer and presents the film Alex Ferguson has written the poem that is featured in the film.</p>

