



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Co-production Charter

What is co-production?

Co-production is children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families, working in equal partnership with education, health and social care professionals in the design, delivering and review of services they may access.

Why have a SEND Co-production Charter?

This charter sets out a way of working that enables children and young people with SEND, their families, Parent Carer Forum and wider community organisations to work in equal partnership with education, health and social care partners to design, develop and evaluate the services available in Wigan to meet their needs.

It acknowledges that children and young people with SEND and their families are best placed to inform changes to enable them to live happy and fulfilled lives because of their 'lived experience'.



How will we know Co-production is happening?

We will measure our work by using the Lundy Model of Child Participation, considering the following 4 areas:



Space

- Provide us with a safe, comfortable and inclusive space for us to engage in opportunities.
- Ensure that we have access to this space if we wish to do so.
- Meet with us at a time and place that suits us best.



Voice

- Give us the opportunity to have our say through local, regional and national platforms.
- Listen and respect our opinions but most importantly act upon these when you can.
- Let us know how our views have been implemented and if not, why not.



Audience

- Provide an effective communication pathway for us to share our views.
- Ensure that we all know who we can speak to to improve things in our lives.
- Enable us to build resilience, self-confidence and independent life skills by providing positive opportunities.



Influence

- Enable us to engage with senior decision makers.
- Involve us in plans that affect our lives from the start of the process.
- Be open, honest and accountable, not tokenistic.

As part of this, we will follow the participation standards and evaluation criteria set out here in Wigan.

We will be using a 'you said, we did' model to capture how the voice will impact the wider work on a strategic and operational level.



The Co-production Charter Principles

We are all working towards the same goal to shape the long-term outcomes for children and young people with SEND living in Wigan.

'We' relates to everyone involved, including but not limited to, children, young people, parents, carers, professionals, settings and services.

Our work is underpinned by the Progress with Unity missions.

To create fair opportunities for all children, families, residents and businesses.

Make all our towns and neighbourhoods flourish for those who live and work in them.



These principles are about the way we all work together to create a culture where we all:

Have equal opportunities, from start to finish.

Share ideas together, and listen deeply to one another.

Value and respect each other's opinion.

Be supportive of each other.

Be welcoming, accepting and inclusive of everyone.

Be accountable, honest and kind to all.

Know how our views will be used, with people at the heart of conversations.

Take ownership, and support Co-production by all.

