

Annual Review 2009



Contact a Family Southwark

Our vision is that all families with disabled children are empowered to live the lives they choose to live.....

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Contact a Family is 30 years old!



For the last three decades we have been strengthening families with disabled children (aged 0 to 19 years) across the UK by providing advice and information and putting them in touch with others, whose child has the same condition, for support. We have also campaigned for better rights for families, but the campaign goes on.

The number of disabled children has risen significantly since the 70s due to medical advances and increased diagnosis and reporting – between 1975 and 2002 the disabled child population rose 62% whilst the general population increased by just 7%. And while there have been changes in the support services and entitlements for families with disabled children, there is still much to do to ensure families can lead the lives they choose.

Throughout our anniversary year we will of course be celebrating our achievements but we will also take the opportunity to raise awareness of some of the many issues for families with disabled children. We are starting by publishing a report What Makes My Family Stronger to raise awareness of what life is like in 2009 raising a child with a disability and there will be more work like this throughout the year.

Contact a Family Southwark is celebrating and marking the many achievements of our local families in this anniversary year. We hope to gather these triumphs and quiet successes into a source of inspiration for everyone. Please let us know if you have a story to share. If you view something in your life as a success – then it is. Whether it is your child's first word or you getting dressed today or you getting a job, we'd like to share the celebrations! See Ella and Maria Helena's stories on pages 12 - 13 for inspiration.

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The Steering Committee welcomes you

A message from Angela and Tracy, joint chairs of the Steering Committee

Welcome to Contact a Family Southwark's Annual Review 2008/2009. You will find lots of interesting information about us in these pages, from the number of families we support to the range of services we offer and their impact.

Contact a Family Southwark is commissioned by the local authority to deliver a number of services/activities. The impact of our services on the lives of the families with whom we interact is measured in terms of the 5 Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes. These link to our activities. See how in the following pages. Here is a summary.

ECM outcome (*children should....*)

Be healthy

Stay safe

Enjoy and achieve

Make a positive contribution

Achieve economic well-being

Our activity (*we do this through...*)

Family work (FW), Information

FW, Information, Safeguarding role

Events

Parent/Carer Council, Grapevine + other Information, Events, Steering Committee

FW, Information

The constant uncertainty about funding makes it very difficult to plan ahead and the current 'credit crunch' has had a real effect on everyone. Despite these difficulties, we have plans for the future, working in collaboration with many other agencies. Throughout the borough there is a will to improve services to children with disabilities or additional needs and therefore make a positive difference to the lives of families as a whole. Read more about Aiming High for Disabled Children and how you can get involved later in this report.

How many of the paid staff team you can recognize from their photos on the back page? They do most of the work to provide the services on offer to families in Southwark but we also have a number of volunteers who offer their time and talents in a variety of ways from stuffing envelopes and other admin tasks to supporting individual families to come to our events.

The Steering Committee members volunteer their time to come to meetings and speak up for what is important to families with a child with a disability. Contact a Family is an organization led by parents and it is parents who can keep it 'real', focused and up to date with what really matters.

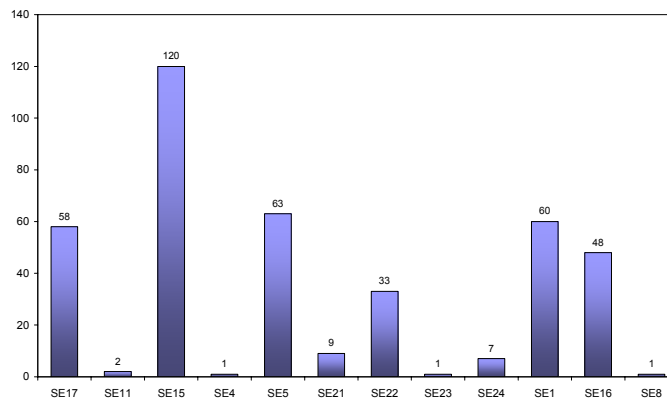
Steering Committee members have a say in the way Contact a Family meets the needs of our local families. We support the staff team in practical ways by helping at events, using our local knowledge and connections and gathering feedback from other parents. We'd like to invite more parents to join us (most of the current committee members are parents), but we'd also like to invite more professionals – especially representing education, social care and health. Please get in touch so we can tell you more!

Tracy and Angela

Family data

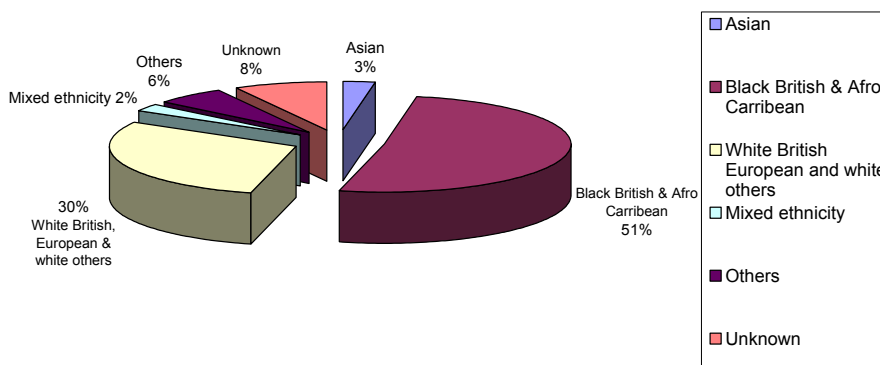
Over 425 families are actively engaged with Contact a Family Southwark and this number is growing. There is an interesting north/south divide in the borough with 169 families in the north whilst 234 live in the south where more than half have an SE15 postcode.

Postcode Contact a Family member



Our families come from diverse backgrounds reflecting the multi-cultural community in Southwark. We have significant number of parents and carers who speak English as their second language. In particular, we have been working with many families from the Spanish speaking community.

Ethnicity:Contact a Family members

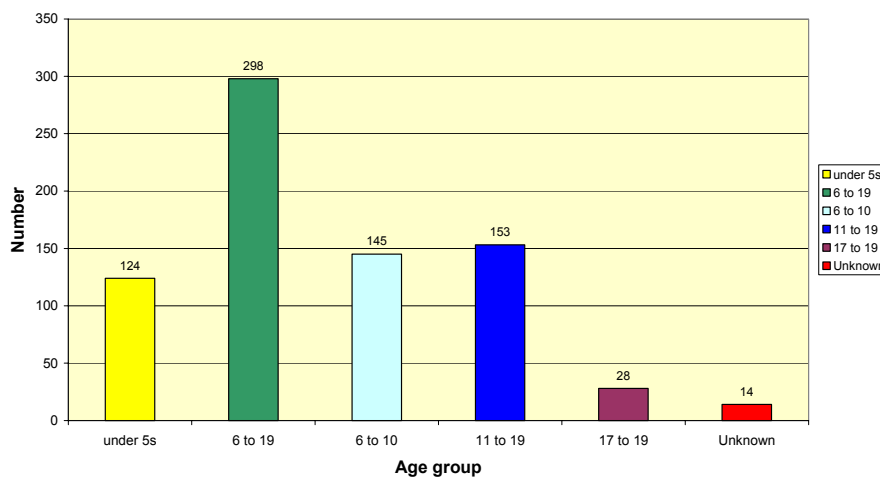


'Hamada has made so much progress this year, his speech has really come on and he is interacting more with his peers. He is so much more independent this year and getting to be a really cheeky monkey.' Victoria and Kamel Mussa

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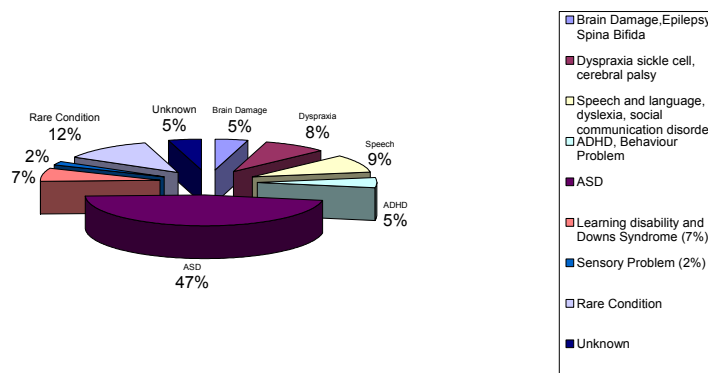
Over the past year we received an average of 15 referrals a month. The source of referrals ranges from parents' self referral, the paediatric team, speech and language therapy services, social services, Children's Centre and other voluntary organisations such as KIDS. We made special efforts to promote our service between Oct 2008 and Mar 2009 and the Family Work team has launched additional outreach to Early Years settings in all four localities. About 60% of the families were referred for a child up to five years and about 40% for a child aged five to nineteen.

Age group of children : Contact a Family



Although there is a statistical assumption of 5000 children and young people with a disability or additional needs in the borough, research by Contact a Family Southwark on behalf of the local Aiming High for Disabled Children Project Board points to a more likely figure of 2500 who would meet the criteria for a Statement of Educational Need or other statutory intervention. The children of our members may not meet these criteria. They have a wide range of conditions, disabilities and additional needs, facing many different challenges in growing up while at the same time enjoying and achieving in their day to day life.

Disability condition: Contact a Family



Outreach and Family Work

Family Workers had 332 direct contacts with families in 2008-2009

The outreach team continues to provide quality information, advice and support to parents and carers who have a child with a disability or additional need across all four localities in the borough. This last year has been very successful and, building on our previous work, we have expanded our presence in the localities in a variety of ways. We have come up with ideas and suggestions on how best to work jointly with other organizations to provide a comprehensive and holistic service to our client group.

Outreach work includes extremely successful Information Days, making a connection with all Early Years settings, and making links with other providers of support to families



with older children. We intend to build on this work by hosting taster sessions in Children's Centres linking with other groups such as KIDS, Whippersnappers and Stay and Play. We hope that this will enable parents to get a feel for what is on offer through their local Sure Start programme. The service we can offer to families with older children will depend on future funding.

Information Day at Rye Oak Children's Centre

Family Workers facilitate weekly drop-in advice sessions in each locality. We also run two sessions a week at Sunshine House (Southwark Children and Young People Development Centre) and attend the monthly paediatric review clinic, meeting families who have had a diagnosis in the last 6 months. Our presence at this clinic day ensures that fewer families fall through the net and we are able to ensure that they are receiving all necessary and available support.

Once a month we have been co-hosting, with our national helpline staff, an information stand at the Evelina Children's Hospital at Guy's and St Thomas', our closest Children's Hospital. This has been very useful in making links with families and medical staff.

One of the team with a special interest in sensory activities for disabled children is linking advice sessions at 1st Place and Dulwich Wood Children's Centres to activity sessions in the sensory room for the children; this has increased the number of families who are aware of this facility. This is another example of how we are working creatively with Children's Centre staff to encourage families to make use of their resources.

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We have also developed our own mobile sensory room by adapting our gazebo. This means we can offer this resource at our main events wherever they are.



A family enjoying the mobile sensory room – our gazebo!

Giving good quality information to families and to other agencies working with them is an integral part of Family Work and contributes to all five ECM outcomes. In particular Family Work addresses:

Every Child Matters outcomes - Stay Safe *and* Be Healthy

This year we have focused on enabling our families to cope with difficult situations or emergencies. We have run workshops which concentrated on coping strategies and worked with parents to share ideas and practical ways in which they can plan for an emergency or just make the practicalities of daily life easier. We have a role in promoting the safeguarding of children in line with the borough's Safeguarding Children policy.

We have offered information around safety issues for the under 5s and for older children. We have worked with other organizations such as Southwark Carers and Connexions and had taken part in Practitioners meetings, a number of strategy groups and special interest forums to share good practice and keep up to date.

In the same way, we promote healthy lifestyles wherever appropriate, refer families to other services and agencies with a healthy living remit and support parent carers to look after their own health. For example, we served fresh fruit at our Festive Party, we offer healthy snacks at all our meetings and we regularly hold Pamper sessions to help parents to consider their own needs and have some time to de-stress.

Every Child Matters outcome - Achieve economic well-being

We have supported many parents to access disability benefits and grants. We have a reported 98% success rate with Disability Living Allowance applications. The average increase in family income is £139.07 per week. This has a beneficial effect on the financial well-being of the family and affords them a better quality of family life than they previously experienced. The majority of this income will be spent within the borough.

020 7277 4436

Events and activities

Every Child Matters outcome - Enjoy and Achieve

The Events programme offers parent carers the chance to meet each other and experience a fun day out. Accessing mainstream events can sometimes be a little daunting and being a part of a group not only offers support and reduces isolation, but provides a certain level of camaraderie.

Over this past year we have offered 52 events. Some events were repeated due to popular demand. A staggering 951 places were offered to our families, which allowed 848 people to attend events. This number does not include the open events where there are no restrictions on places or the number of children who are under 5.

Inclusive Family Events

These are offered during school holidays. Our focus is on having fun as a family unit and meeting other families with whom you have something in common. We have a pool of volunteers and a sessional worker who are able to assist parent/carers who may find it difficult to come along without help. The sessional worker has assisted 12 families at 12 different events through additional funding from Help a London Child.

Having fun at the Victoria and Albert Museum – making hats



We have had 14 family inclusive events in 2008-2009 offering a total of 633 places plus 5 events which were open to all our families. One of our most popular family events has been the London Eye. This year 94 people had the opportunity to take the flight and we plan to take the same number next year as London Eye has once again supported us with free tickets. With generous support from the Big Lottery Fund, we offered families the chance to learn about therapeutic touch together.

We identified the need for young people with disabilities to be able to experience fun with people of their own age, so this year we introduced trips to Squidz club, a night club for teenagers and young adults, with great success.

We held our first Festive Party at Christmas time with support from the Peter Minet Trust. Families had the opportunity to have a professional family portrait taken which we sent to them on CD so they could make as many copies as they liked.



The Contact a Family Staff and
Volunteer Family Portrait

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Parent only events

This year we held 5 parent-only social events offering 65 places to our parent carers. Examples of the events that we offered were: an evening of dance, a night at the cinema and a meal out. Parents value the chance to meet each other in a relaxed environment.

Learning in a group is more fun and people can often learn more about themselves as well as others. We offered 10 different workshops in the past year covering topics such as how to navigate the Internet, coping strategies and emergency planning.

We also scheduled time when parents were free to drop in for a chat and a coffee.

Pamper sessions

There is a lot of research which support the importance of touch in making people feel valued, calmer and more able to cope. We offer our parent/carers pamper sessions with our team of devoted and qualified massage/ reflexology therapists. We have held a total of 14 pamper sessions for both men and women with one being a special 'men only' evening. The Body Shop Foundation generously funded 6 of these sessions plus two short courses in which parent carers learned basic massage strokes and some aromatherapy. The aim of the courses was to enable parents to use these skills and knowledge with their own families and to provide a learning opportunity which might be an entry into further education.

Every Child Matters outcome - Making a positive contribution

The types of events we offer are based on what families request. We value our parents opinion and ask them to feed back on the quality and range of events. This is done through consultation with the Steering Committee, event evaluations and a yearly questionnaire. We ask families to suggest events, topics for workshops and to share their local knowledge about resources. We do our best to accommodate families' wishes. For example, in summer 2009 we hope to have a trip to Legoland as families have asked for a trip to a theme park.

We also use feedback from families in a number of ways. It may support our applications for particular funding, as in our recent success with the Body Shop Foundation. Alternatively, a positive review such as that by a mum in Grapevine recently (about a trip to MBG Funhouse), may encourage other families to try that particular activity independently.



At Surrey Quays Farm



At Squidz club

020 7277 4436

Aiming High for Disabled Children

Aiming High for Disabled Children is a 3-year government programme geared to improving the lives of children and young people with disabilities and their families. It aims to do this by involving parent/carers, children and young people in the design and development of short break services and will also be looking to improve support to young people approaching adulthood, as well as increasing disabled children's access to childcare.

This year (2008/09) Southwark received £40,000 to prepare the ground for a radical overhaul of short break services. A lead person was identified in Roger Weissman from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Team, and a Project Board set up, comprising reps from statutory and voluntary sector services, Alison, the 'new' Parent/Carer Council Development Officer, and former Contact a Family Project Manager, Linda Cleverly: now a Child and Young Person's Advocate at Cambridge House.

Shortly thereafter, Contact a Family and Advocacy @ Cambridge House won bids to conduct two separate consultations: one with parent/carers, the other with children and young people. As a result, 200 parent/carers said they would like to help the Project Board implement change, 87 participating in a short breaks survey, and around 50 attending a conference to hear more about the programme and provide comment on a draft commissioning plan.

The Project Board's proposals for short breaks development met with general approval, though clearly there were concerns re sustainability, emphasising the need to develop more inclusive practices and provide training for staff in both universal and specialist settings. According to the commissioning plan, around £30-40,000 will be allocated to disability awareness training for frontline staff in 2009-2011, and £40,000 to the development of parent/carer, children and young people's participation, which is key to 'getting it right'.

Southwark has recently been awarded £507,000 to implement its Short Breaks Strategy, improve and extend existing facilities and services, and provide equipment to support the engagement of disabled children and their families in 'ordinary' activities. Children's Services have promised to involve parents and carers in the commissioning process, and will be discussing with us eligibility for new services, including a befriending and mentoring scheme and a 'Fix-Yourself-a Break' equivalent. These services should be up and running by October / November 2009, by which time the Parent/Carer Council will have a marked presence on the Project Board.

PCC membership 2008-2009

Gün Akyuz

John Kahn

Tracy Julian

Zareena Hussain

Jennifer Stephenson (joined 2008)

Sarah Johnstone (left 2008)

Iona Nicholas (left 2009)

Sylvia Danderson (left 2009)

The Parent/Carer Council

Every Child Matters outcome – Make a positive contribution

When I was appointed Parent/Carer Council Development Officer last April I inherited a Parent Council of 6. Meetings were attended by a different combination of 2-3 parents each month, but were seldom quorate, meaning that no decisions could be taken. Instead, discussions centred on how to attract new members, when appeals through *Grapevine* were clearly failing. It was a frustrating start to the year.

Then along came *Aiming High* and, suddenly, I was catapulted into action, drafting questionnaires for parents, collating and analysing the returns; at the same time applying to the Department of Children, Schools and Families for a small grant to increase parent/carers participation in the borough. The PCC rallied, seizing the opportunity to reach new parents, and turning out in force at the Aiming High Parent/Carer Conference in February of this year.

As a result of all this activity we have now built up a database of 65 parents, all of whom completed a second, more detailed questionnaire about the services they use or have had difficulty accessing. Many made some very useful suggestions for service improvements, highlighting too some very obvious gaps in services and drawing attention to the barriers we so often face when attempting to access local facilities – much of them linked to the attitude of frontline staff. The local Aiming High Project Board has a mountain to climb, but we're here to steer it in the right direction and to remind everyone that every child matters.

The PCC held a networking event on 19 March 2009 for parents who had expressed an interest in joining. This was attended by 19 parents, including representatives from the National Autistic Society's Southwark branch; Down's South (a support group for families with a child with Down's Syndrome spanning 5 south London boroughs); the African Special Educational Needs Network (a group providing weekend support for children with SEN), and the Latin American Disabled People's Project, which is in the process of setting up a project for younger disabled members of the Latin American community. The Conference and this networking event alone have resulted in 8 parents applying to join the PCC now, and 13 to consider joining at a later date.

We have since met to put together our bid for a further participation grant of £10,000 and to discuss future organisation. Our first 'healthy' meeting was 10 parents, although no fewer than 22 have attended meetings and events since the Aiming High Conference.

In this coming year we shall be developing our parent/carers website, enabling many more to keep in touch, voice their opinions and contribute, however loosely, to the Aiming High *Change* Programme. This will help keep everyone up-to-date with our activities, and will enable parent reps to capture your thoughts and re-present these in meetings with the local authority and PCT. It is a time for hope and forward thinking: a time to make a real and positive contribution.

Alison Miles, Parent/Carer Council Development Officer

Being positive as a family

It may seem hard to feel positive either as a family or as an organization when faced with additional challenges. We want to encourage individual families to celebrate their own successes, achievements and triumphs. We will be gathering as many of these individual achievements as we can over the year as the basis of what we hope will be a useful resource. Here are the stories of just two of our families.

Ella and George

Ella is a 33 year old mum. She works part time as a GP in Lambeth. Eighteen months ago, Ella gave birth to her first child, George. It took two weeks to confirm that George has a rare genetic condition, Cris du Chat. George needed to be in the special care baby unit for 3 weeks. At the end of this worrying time the hospital discharged him home having given Ella and her partner very little information. They spent a lot of time researching on the internet and worrying about their future as much of what they found seemed to paint quite a bleak picture. They didn't know what support was available.

Then a friend found the details of Contact a Family and passed them on. By now George was 3 or 4 months old. Ella popped in to see us and we started to build a relationship with her and George. Since then, Ella and George have been to several events, Information Days and workshops. Ella chose to talk to one of our Family Workers and to ask for our support in filling out a Disability Living Allowance application form. This is something Ella does for other people in her job but she felt Contact a Family's vast experience of the system, the form, and what to say would be useful. It was also helpful to get some basic tips such as taking a photocopy of the form in case it got lost and to help in future years. The result was the best the family could have hoped.

What Ella likes about Contact a Family is that it bridged the gap for her between the hospital and Sunshine House. Ella had support from several individual practitioners but the system for passing on George's care and support for the family was poor. We are an inclusive service which is very important to Ella as George's condition is rare so there won't be opportunities to meet lots of other families in exactly the same situation. She feels that, through Contact a Family, she will be able to share common concerns and issues with a wide variety of families. George, too, will meet lots of other children and young people as he grows up with whom he will share many of the same challenges.

Ella values the fact that she can dip in and out of her relationship with Contact a Family. She has confidence that we will be here if she needs us, offering regular information through Grapevine, fun social activities and extra support when she chooses. She is hoping to join the Parent Carer Council as she wants to have the opportunity to help with the planning of services. Having George has opened a whole new area of interest for her at home and in her work.

Overall, Ella feels her family is a success. The reality of life with George is far different to the picture painted by the internet in those first few weeks. Every small step forward for George is a huge milestone and Ella and her partner celebrate each one. Each of these tiny achievements is much more noticeable for someone like George and therefore they seem more special. Ella has been able to return to work, her family is strong and enjoys life – in fact it is fun!

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Maria Helena, Heinz, Jonathan and Nicolas

Maria Helena Fernandez de Reichel is from Bolivia. She is a single mum. Heinz and Jonathan are the survivors of a quintuplet pregnancy and were born prematurely. They are 12 and Nicolas is 9 years old. Heinz was diagnosed with severe brain damage at birth due to lack of oxygen. Jonathan was diagnosed recently, with mild brain damage.

'A friend told me about Contact a Family and I was very keen to contact them, because I was told that there was someone who speaks Spanish. When I met the Family Worker I was very worried and disorientated. I did not know the educational system and what support was available for my children. They have German nationality but they were living in Bolivia with my parents. At the time I met the Family Worker, they just had arrived from my home country. She helped me to make a plan to support me with all the things I needed to do for my children.

Now the Family Worker supports me by giving me more information or helping me to contact other professionals, such as a solicitor from the Cambridge House Community Law centre to get advice on working tax credit and housing benefits entitlement. She helps me to stay focused and to be realistic. All this helped me regain my confidence. Now I am able to fight to get the things my family needs so they can meet their potential.

My family has also benefited from support to make applications for housing, Disability Living Allowance and the Family Fund Trust. I also claim working tax credit and child tax credit. As a result we now have our own home and I am relieved to know I can meet my children's needs. We have a better quality of life in our own space and we can do things we could not do in the past because of our low income.

I am very happy with the support I received from all of Contact a Family. They provide a holistic and integrated service. For example, I am over the moon because a Family Worker gave me support to get a placement to carry on doing my studies. She has helped me meet lots of other professionals who can support me to get things done for my children. For example, Dr Tam helped me to get a special meeting at Heinz's school.

I feel supported and valued as I am encouraged and my achievements are recognized and praised. At a time when I could not see anything positive in my life and my children's lives, the Family Worker showed me something good.

There is always someone at Contact a Family who can give me advice and support. I feel that the person who answered the phone cares for me. I feel reassured by the tone of the voice they use to talk to parents.

My children's lives have also improved. Heinz has canoeing lessons every Monday and he is very happy with this. Now that Jonathan has been diagnosed, he has more support at school as all the teachers know that he requires additional help. He looks much happier. Nicolas has been referred to the KIDS siblings project. This is giving my child an opportunity to meet more children with different experiences and he will be able to play and be away from the daily routine with his brothers.

Now I am more optimistic about my children's future and my life. I am learning that my children can make progress, do things by themselves and be happy in their own way with the right provision and support. What I like is that I am learning that having two children with disabilities is not the worst thing in my life. There are good things and bad things but I have decided to enjoy my life with my children.'

Information

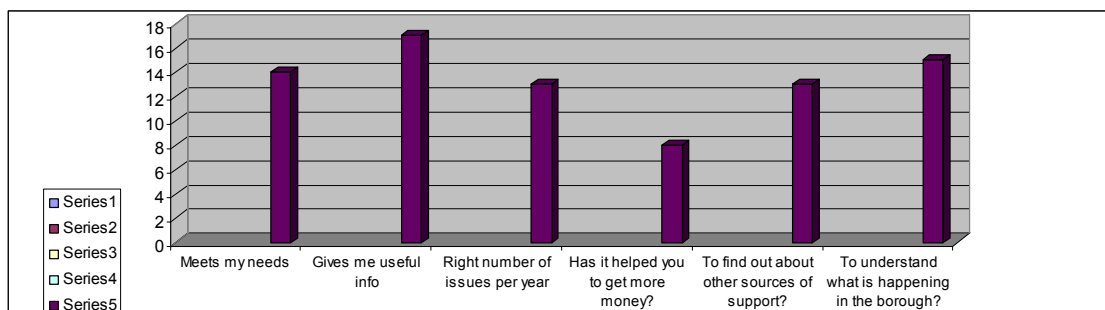
Every Child Matters outcome - all

Parents often tell us that they find it hard to get information about the things they want to know about. Sometimes this is because it's hard to find out more about something you don't know exists. Sometimes it is because the information is presented in a way individuals can't understand or find, the language is too complex or full of jargon, when English isn't their first language or when it is only available on the internet for example.

In recent years, the accessibility of information has been gaining importance alongside its availability. Many government initiatives such as Aiming High for Disabled Children stress the importance of good quality information presented in an accessible format at the right time. Some families tell us that they are faced with too much information. They speak of 'drowning' in it. The quantity is overwhelming. And then there is the issue of how to tell if it is good quality. Is it accurate, up to date, based on fact/research?

Contact a Family, both nationally and here in Southwark, works hard to present the right amount of information at the right time. Family Workers will sift through vast quantities and offer relevant and trustworthy sources of information to suit each individual family. We also provide information through our websites, publications and other media. In Southwark we produce Grapevine, a quarterly newsletter and have also developed a monthly email update service. Through these we can offer the most useful, current and topical information from a national, regional and local perspective.

A recent survey of family readers of Grapevine found that 95% of respondents rated Grapevine as 'good' or 'very good'. Roughly half of those who responded say they also receive the monthly email update and 70% of those who do not currently subscribe say that they would like to. This is strong evidence from families of their desire for information they can trust.



Professionals tell us they value Grapevine as a source of information for themselves and the families they support. Grapevine is now also freely available from our website. We welcome all comments, contributions and ideas for future issues.

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The year ahead

It is clear that all funders, whether statutory or charitable, will be looking even more rigorously for evidence of best value, the most impact, sustainability and services which foster independence rather than creating dependence.

In practice this last point often equates to reducing the need for statutory services. At Contact a Family Southwark, we see beyond this to truly developing families' resilience so that they are more able to cope with the challenges they face. This means, for example, supporting a parent to fill out a form rather than doing it for them wherever possible, offering opportunities to participate in shaping our services rather than deciding ourselves what is best for families and presenting information in a range of formats which is accessible in a number of ways so that families can make their own decisions.

Over the next year, we will be coping with the effects of the recession on the services we can offer. We will be ensuring that what we DO offer is high quality, supports our vision and mission and impacts on the 5 ECM outcomes described on page 3.

Participation and partnership

We are parent-led and build participation into everything we do. This, together with our commitment nationally and locally to the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme, will allow us to maximize the positive impacts we can have on the lives of families in Southwark caring for a child with disability or additional need.

One of the ways agencies like Contact a Family can continue to offer a range of services in difficult economic times is to work in collaboration or partnership with others. Sharing resources such as knowledge and staff time as well as sharing the cost of an event, will enable us to continue our current level and range of activities, whilst building relationships with other agencies will enhance our ability to gain knowledge, skills and experience which will further benefit the families we work with. Our plans include working with KIDS – sharing sessions at Children's Centres, collaborating with Repaying the Kindness on taster sessions for carers, sharing information events with Connexions and Parent Partnership, and much more. Other plans, dependent upon funding, include leading on the formation of a Transition Services consortium which would provide support to families as their child moves towards independence, and more outreach work.

Our commitment

The next year will be a challenge. Contact a Family Southwark intends to hold true to our vision, look for opportunities to support our work and maintain the quality of our service, and to concentrate on gathering evidence of the real impact we have on the lives of families with a child with a disability. This evidence will be our best defence against funding cuts and our most valuable asset in the search for new funding.

This Annual Review began by describing the celebrations associated with our anniversary year. Contact a Family has been working for 30 years to strengthen families with disabled children across the UK by providing advice and information and putting them in touch with others whose child has the same condition for support. We are not yet able to stop our work. There is still a need and we intend to carry on.

What that service will look like in Southwark may be uncertain, but our commitment to the families to whom we offer that service is complete and unwavering.

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Thanks!

The staff team



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Martha



Abi



Blagoje



Naomi



Sheena



Margaret



Michael



Alison

National Office support

Local and regional offices

Volunteers and sessional workers

Steering Committee members

Michael Muyinda
Phasita McCrae
Caitlin Meldrum
Margaret Lockwood
Debbie Gordon

Funders

Carers Grant
Southwark Council
Sure Start/Children's Centres
Help a London Child
Daytrippers
Peter Minet Trust
Big Lottery Fund – Family Learning

Multi-agency partners

Sunshine House
Southwark Carers
InSpire
Cambridge House
Connexions
Parents Partnership
KIDS
National Autistic Society Southwark

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London Eye
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Jerusha Tonge
Ingrid Pianet
Emma Brogi
Emma Perris
Terry Clancey
St George's University Hospital
Walworth Methodist Church

Spread the word!

We want as many people as possible to know about us. Do you know an individual who would benefit or do you belong to a community group or work for a local business who might like to help us? We would be delighted to build more partnerships in Southwark. We are particularly keen to find sponsors who will support us in very practical ways. We have a wish list – please ask us!

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