



**demelza**  
extraordinary care for extraordinary children

## Meeting 23 January 2024 – Overview

- **Shortened and cancelled short breaks stays** – discussion about personal experiences, the need for consistency and clarity in communication to families, understanding the current status and procedure of waiting lists, and the current development of communication and information being developed by Demelza to share the process of emergency short breaks with families. Clarity of what is and is not a statutory short break provision for families.
- **Events** – Festive wishes feedback shared by parent carer members. KO is joining the Disability Pride development meeting, more parent carer members are welcome in the development meetings, contact [family.engagment@demelza.org.uk](mailto:family.engagment@demelza.org.uk) if you are interested and can make 12pm-1pm.
- **Family Exploration Day 16 May** – regional meetings to be held that are also hybrid to support development all parent carers welcome, email [family.engagement@demelza.org.uk](mailto:family.engagement@demelza.org.uk) for further details of your local catch-up. East Sussex 20/2 10am, Sittingbourne 11/3 10am, Eltham 8/4 10am. Ideas for the day wellbeing area, information stands Demelza and external providers, choir, useful workshops etc. Development sessions to organize in more detail, Kent to include Hill Farm Tour to look at space and design of the day.
- **Dads group and support for dads** – development of opportunities for dads. RC to talk with APJ to discuss further and support the next opportunity and members to discuss communication methods to support widening membership.
- **Dates for families voice quarterly meetings 2024** – April 8 11am in person and online following on from the Families Exploration Day catch up, Wednesday 3 July 2024 7pm virtual, 10 October 2024 7pm virtual.
- **Sharing the 'Families Voice' discussion topics and outcomes with all parents and carers** – the parent carer members of Families Voice have requested to share an overview of the discussion topics and any outcomes with all Demelza families.