

## Organisation

SSCP

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## Clear purpose and focus

At the Parents 4 Positive Change (P4PC) meetings in 2025, it was identified by members that social work Child & Family Assessments did not give opportunity for the parents views regarding the assessment to be formally recorded on the document. This was deemed a particular concern when information in the assessment was factually inaccurate.

## Engagement activity

A number of discussions took place in P4PC meetings to generate the rationale for change and what this might look like on assessments. Subsequently meetings were arranged between P4PC and relevant people in Children's Services who could facilitate the amendments to the assessment form.

## Analysis

Allowing parents to formally record comments on assessments supports fairness, strengthens the accuracy of assessments, and ensures families are properly heard and represented in decision-making. Without this assessments can contain unchallenged inaccuracies and present an incomplete picture.

## Follow up

P4PC to have sight of the new assessment forms.  
Social workers to ensure parents are given the opportunity to have their views formally recorded on the form.

## Informing change

In Feb 2026 it was confirmed that the assessment had been amended and a section was now available to record parents views. This will help improve how families experience and engage with social care.

## Views and voices

### Quotes from your service users. What has changed?

P4PC members previously shared the views that:  
Inaccurate information was contained in assessments about their history and in relation to their children's health conditions. This information followed them around and was transferred to new assessments even though it was factually incorrect. As reports could not be amended after the fact a place to record that this was inaccurate would have been beneficial. The new forms should prevent this from occurring in the future.  
By including parents voice on the forms this helps to better work with families. It shows partnership working instead of families being 'done to'.  
P4PC were pleased to receive the news that the form has been amended.