

REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Title:	Highlight report from SEND Operations Group
Report by:	Gary Bloom Head of SEND SBC
Meeting Date:	6th January 2022

1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 14th December 2021 and considered the following items.

Peer Review

SENDOPs received a verbal update on the findings of the Peer Review and noted that the final report would be received before Christmas in time for input before Cabinet on 6th January.

Accelerated Progress Plan

SENDOPs received an update on the APP and noted two further tasks, had been rag rated as Red – These would be discussed at SSPB. SENDOPs noted that the first six monthly monitoring visit from DfE/NHSE was due in January 2022.

Risk Log

The updated version of the Risk Log incorporating the changes requested by SSPB were discussed and agreed any red items to be escalated to SSPB

Area Approach to decision making

This item came from the forward plan as the first document scheduled for annual review by SENDOPs. It was agreed that the document be adopted for operational purposes as it is for now and in the meantime, work will be undertaken to co-produce the final version in a more accessible way.

Once produced, the Communications Group will ensure it is fully accessible.

Once the final version has been finalised, it needs to come back to SENDOP's for final sign-off but any discussion will be on a light-touch basis rather than in-depth.

Performance Focus

SENDOPs received the Annual Report from the Educational Psychology Service which highlighted many notable successes over the previous 12 months.

The Service have also contributed to a book entitled Learning the lessons of pandemic times – Children in Lockdown, which is a very useful resource for practitioners.

Surveys to replace POET

SENDOPs were presented with the first two targeted surveys designed by Local Offer Review Group to replace POET. These were targeted at families who had experienced an EHC Needs assessment and Annual Reviews. The group was working on further surveys focusing on other target areas/audiences such as Children and Young People and Practitioners.

The Coproduction charter was discussed and agreed further comment was required before signing off for publication in February by SENDOPs

2. Risks & Issues - Are now reported via the Risk Log

3. Proposed priorities and activities for next period

Activity and outcome	By when	
Task	Initials	Due Date
Comms workshop to be held and Plan to be developed	CMc	01/02/2022
Meeting to be set up to discuss using Children's Centres as Family Hubs	GB	24/12/2021
Task and Finish Group to be set up to look at Capacity Review	GB	24/12/2021
Comments on Risk Log template/scoring to be sent to GB by all	GB	14/12/2021
Comments to be added to Local Offer Annual Report	TT	24/12/2021
Area decision making process guidance to be made more accessible	LM	01/02/2022
Process for considering feedback from surveys to be put in place	GB/CMc	31/01/2022
Co-Production Charter to be amended	TT	01/02/2022

4. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board

SSPB to consider the risks identified and mitigations proposed.