

REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Title:	Highlight report from SEND Operations Group
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Meeting Date:	17th May 2022

1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 29th March 2022 and considered the following items. SENDOPS also met on 3rd May 2022 but draft minutes have not been circulated so will be captured in the next highlight report.

Government Green and White Papers

SENDOPs discussed the recently published Government papers. BM summarised the highlights and challenges and invited questions. It was agreed that SENDOPs would feed into the Southend SEND Strategic Partnership Board response to the consultation questions, to which individuals, groups were encouraged to respond as Government always mindful of volume of responses.

Update from SET CAMHS on new service offer

Disappointingly a late cancellation was received, and this will be rolled over to a future meeting

APP Progress Tracker

An updated progress tracker was discussed and a final version agreed for submission prior to the 6 month monitoring visit rescheduled for March following the cancellation of the January meeting.

SEND Partnership Risk Log

SENDOPs recognised the red rated items around SEND Capacity review and Voice of Child. A lack of capacity had contributed to delays on key activities within the APP including progressing the SEND Strategy, Voice of Child work and some joint commissioning activities. This coupled with a number of vacant posts particularly in the SEND Service were causing increased challenge in achieving statutory timescales against a backdrop of significantly increased demand and increased complexity of demand.

The Affinity Programme – Targeted Intervention Project

Fiona Daily, Affinity programme manager joined the meeting and shared slides explaining the service/ programme model.

The programme is funded by the Health and Justice team, supporting children at risk of exclusion. Providing triangulated intervention from trauma perspective and restorative practice. Providing intervention within schools, family homes and across the provisions.

Stakeholder Mapping

SENDOPS kicked off a piece of work identifying who the main stakeholders are in the Southend SEND system, to ensure all main stakeholders are engaged with.

Coproduction Charter

SENDOPS considered the latest coproduction charter – some further feedback received had not been incorporated into the Charter, it was therefore agreed for one further call for feedback before final version compiled and signed off for adoption.

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
Start to draft partnership response to SEND green paper	SEND Scrum	30.6.22
SEND Partnership consultation and action plan	SEND Scrum	31.5.22
SEND Updated APP Tracker and accompanying documentation to DFE	GB	31.3.22
Sign off and publish Co Production Charter	SENDOPS	3.5.22
Invite SET CAMHS to future SENDOPS meeting	CM	31.3.22

4. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board

SSPB to consider the risks identified around capacity and to support need for response to capacity review.