

REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Title:	Highlight report from SEND Operations Group
Report by:	Gary Bloom Head of SEND SBC
Meeting Date:	24th November 2022

1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 9th November 2022 and considered the following items.

SENDOPs received updates on the Member lead Scrutiny Review of SEND, the Inclusion Review, the Neu Approach Pathway and the SEND Strategy

Eastern Region Data

SENDOPs discussed issues arising from the Eastern Region Cost Pressures PowerPoint presentation shared and lead by the Head of SEND

Progress Monitoring and Risk Log

The risk to the achievement of key performance indicators was raised given the significant increase in demand which had not been matched by additional staff and an increasing number of vacancies of key individuals across the SEND Service. SENDOPs considered the messaging of this to schools and families and the funding provided when plans were finalised late. It was agreed to inform families and settings via the SEND e newsletter, local offer and Southend Learning network and to agree to resource schools from the date the EHCP should have been finalised for an interim period whilst the backlog was caught up.

2. Proposed priorities and activities for next period

Activity and outcome	By when	
Task	Initials	Due Date
Prepare comms to schools/families re casework backlog	GB	18.11.22
Consider the funding implications of casework backlog and advise schools	GB	25.11.22
Inclusion task and finish group to consider results of parent and practitioner surveys	Sarah G	2.12.22

3. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board

To consider the ongoing risk of staff shortages across the SEND Service and the impact on performance and consequences of under performance.