

## REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Highlight report from SEND Operations Group</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Gary Bloom Head of SEND SCC</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>

### 1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 20th April 2023 and considered the following items.

Increased risk to timely delivery of services caused by restructuring with the Integrated Care Board and shortage of staff in the Educational Psychology Service. All members of SENDOPs were reminded to add to and challenge items in the risk log.

An update from the ICB on the developing work with the Multi Schools Council.

An initial presentation around the increased number of requests and the significant increase particularly in the early years. Further analysis requested on why requests are being turned down and discussion around the challenges in meeting statutory timescales due to significant increase in demand and shortages of staff which was to be met through the recovery plan.

The Graduated Response in Southend was discussed and how the impact is measured.

An evaluation of the use of the EHC Hub over the past two years and discussion around the benefits and the challenges. The DfE approached Southend as an authority who had embraced digitization of EHC case management to feed into some national work around digital EHCPs.

An update on the revisions to the SEND coproduction charter and next steps for publication of the revised charter – SENDOPS agreed there should be a signed SEND area partnership annex on co production within wider SCC Framework.

### 2. Proposed priorities and activities for next period

<b>Activity and outcome</b>	<b>By when</b>	
Task	Initials	Due Date
Further presentation on the threshold for EHC Needs assessment and analysis of why assessment requests are unsuccessful	CN	June Meeting
Update the risk log to highlight the recruitment and retention risks regarding EPS	TA	June Meeting
Ensure a signed SEND annex on the co production within wider SCC Framework	LC	Sept 23

### 3. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board

To consider the ongoing risk of staff shortages across the SEND Partnership and the impact on performance and ability to deliver the SEND Strategic action plan and recovery plan..