

REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Title:	Highlight report from SEND Operations Group
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Meeting Date:	26th January 2023

1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 12th January 2023 and considered the following items.

Proposal to form the **Southend SEND Community Engagement Network**, discussion about what this might look like and how to ensure it was successful.

SEND Strategy

Discussed the current status of the SEND Strategy following the call in by Scrutiny and the decision to resolve the issues raised via a working group. SENDOPS reflected on the delays in implementing the Strategy due to Peer review and Scrutiny and the impact this had had on the Accelerated Progress Plan. Feedback was issues needed to be resolved quickly to resolve issues so strategy can be designed, published and formally adopted.

Progress Monitoring and Risk Log

The risk log was in the process of being updated to a new format following the meeting with Audit to discuss how to ensure that Board were best informed of risks and mitigations and took responsibility for owning the risks.

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.

Integrated Care System/Board

An update was given into the structure and working of the new Integrated Care System and some further work around publishing information regarding Health Personal Budgets was agreed.

Terms of Reference

The TOR for SENDOPS were discussed as the meeting had been operational for 2 years and some suggested amendments were made for adoption and sign off at next meeting.

SEND Inspection Framework

The Head of SEND gave a presentation regarding the new area SEND Inspection framework and launched the work to prepare for inspection under the new framework.

2. Proposed priorities and activities for next period

Activity and outcome	By when	
Task	Initials	Due Date
To update the Risk Log to new format	SEND Scrum	March SSPB Meeting
To revise the TOR for SENDOPS	GB	Next SENDOPS
To begin preparation for inspection – SEND Checklist	SEND Scrum	Jan 23

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 underperformance.