

# SEND Joint Commissioning Plan 2023 -2026

## Our Ambition

To ensure that Sefton’s Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) offer enhances the experience and outcomes for children and young people, our focus is on co-production and collaboration to provide good quality services, to achieve good outcomes for the children, young people, and families we serve.

## Our Priorities

High aspirations for all our children and young people

The opportunity to provide support at the earliest opportunity.

A comprehensive offer of support which is accessible in our local community.

To work with families and young people to maximise choice and control.

Delivery of the Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme including Diagnostic Case Reviews and development of a DBV Action Plan for June 2023

Partnership approach to service delivery including implementing the NW Framework SEND Purchasing systems.

Consider the social care needs of families when developing SEND services and pathways by recruiting a Designated Social Care Officer (DSCO)

Enhancing provision of SEND services and groups first by mapping existing resources and reviewing best practice.

Increase choice and control for those with complex health needs via Personalisation or Personal Health Budgets, utilising a partnership approach in the delivery of services. Actions will include developing a 18-25 diagnostic pathway and a graduated neurodevelopmental approach, reviewing OT sensory services and the development and implementation of shared care pathways.

Embedding Technology Enabled Care (TEC) to secure the best outcomes for those with SEND through rollout of training to all staff; evaluation of the Brain in Hand pilot, workshop planning for the Sefton Youth Conference and raising awareness internally of TEC.

Improved access to Early language and communication support tools including Speech and Language Therapy support, advice and assessment if specialist support required.

Committing to continually improving the SENDIASS offer by improving our delivery models to ensure sufficient capacity and impartiality by supporting continuous improvement through monitoring.

Improved awareness of SEND amongst workforce including the continued promotion of the Local Offer and enhanced staff training.

Working across Health and Adult Social Care to review and ensure contract compliance and quality assurance across SEND contracts.

Increase accessibility of information for SEND through the creation of an information helpline hosted on Integrated Front Doors.

Develop a joint outcomes framework and shared approach to needs assessment in the interest of continuous improvement and transparency.

Improved access to timely and efficient mental health support through investing to support access and improve waiting times

Adapting our strategic approach to understand educational sufficiency and its current pressures per the Delivering Better Value Programme, going on to deliver Sefton’s Education Strategy via a delivery plan inclusive of schools workforce .