



# SEND – Joint Commissioning Strategy Action Plan 2020 - 2023

## Background

This action plan was developed to address the needs and priorities identified in the Joint Commissioning Strategy for SEND 2020 – 2023. This is a partnership plan that will be reviewed on an annual basis. The delivery of the Joint Commissioning Strategy for SEND and progress against delivery of this Action Plan will be overseen by the Children's and Young Peoples Partnership Board.

## Our Strategic Priorities

Our analysis of this information on need, demand and experience, coupled with legislative obligations and the need to deliver within a defined budget envelope have led us to identify the following priorities for our system:

- A comprehensive offer of support which is accessible in our local community
- High aspirations for all our children and young people
- The opportunity to provide support at the earliest opportunity
- To work with families and young people to maximise choice and control.

**Note** this Action Plan should be considered in conjunction with the SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy, Joint Commissioning Strategy and Market Position Statement for Children & Young People and the Looked After Children & Care Leavers Sufficiency Statement.

## Our Plan

### Priority 1 - A comprehensive offer of support accessible in our local community.

The Outcomes we are aiming for	The actions we are taking	Why we are doing this	Impact we will have	Responsible lead	Date to be achieved by
An accessible Local Offer that meets local need	Review of Local Offer using SEND Needs Assessment, feedback from engagement activities and feedback from reviews.	Families and schools have told us that the current Local Offer is difficult to navigate.  Improve our understanding of need and have a more responsive and inclusive offer.	Improved accessibility and navigation of Local Offer.  Good quality information is more readily accessible to all on what is available.  People are more aware of and access opportunities available to them.	Head of Communities	April 2021
	Encourage universal services to be more inclusive of children and young people with SEND	Encourage a wide range of activities that help address the identified growing need to address social isolation.	Children and Young People with SEND and their families feel included.  People will be able to signpost individuals and families to opportunities.	Head of Education Excellence  Children and Young People Commissioning Lead	April 2022

## Priority 2 - High aspirations for all our children and young people

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<p>Good Education, Employment and Training Opportunities are available for 16-25-year olds</p>	<p>Develop an effective Post 16 pathway for young people with SEND.</p> <p>Review best practice nationally.</p> <p>Identify barriers to a more diverse post 16 offer and support to remove those barriers.</p> <p>Develop relationships with employers to promote inclusivity in the workplace.</p>	<p>To make young people and their families more aware of the opportunities available to them.</p> <p>To strengthen our communities by creating opportunities for our young people.</p>	<p>People are more aware of Education, Employment and Training opportunities available to them.</p> <p>The professionals working with our young people will feel confident, empowered and connected to signpost young people to opportunities.</p> <p>More young people will benefit from education, employment and training offer.</p>	<p>Head of Education Excellence</p>	<p>April 2022</p>

### Priority 3 - Providing support at the earliest opportunity - Pathway review and establishment in key areas to ensure maximised efficiency and effectiveness of service offer

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Support is accessible at the earliest opportunity	To implement neurodevelopmental diagnostic pathway across Sefton which includes NICE compliant diagnostic pathway for ASD	To improve outcomes for children & young people by ensuring they have access to seamless pathways to correctly identify needs.	Improved outcomes for children & young people.  Case studies and audits will evidence that practitioners are maximising support to our young people.	Chief Nurse	Implementation Q1 2020 (April to June)
	Review and renew jointly the specifications and performance management frameworks of specialist and targeted support services, priorities are SALT, Paediatric OT and Sensory services.	To maximise the opportunities associated with these specialist and targeted support services.  To ensure that provider contracts are aligned to ensure a timely flow of high quality performance data, including impact measures.	Improved outcomes for children & young people.  Future commissioning will be informed timely quality data.	Head of Education Excellence  Director of Strategy and Outcomes	April 2022

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	Explore opportunities for early help/ brief interventions from universal practitioners and voluntary, community and faith sector to reduce the need/ pressure on specialist services e.g. Health visitor training in Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SCLN)	To secure improved access to services to enable early diagnosis and to implement relevant care plans.	Children and young people accessing services in a timely manner to enable them to reach their outcome goals. The workforce will be trained and designed to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND.	Head of Education Excellence  Children and Young People Commissioning Lead	April 2021
	Train and develop the early years workforce for children with SEND.	To improve early identification, provision and support at the early years phase.	To ensure all children with SEND have the right support as early as possible and are school ready.	Head of Education Excellence  Chief Nurse	October 2021

## Priority 4 - Working with Families and Young People to maximise Choice and Control.

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To increase the use of Personal Health Budgets (PHB) as part of EHCPs	To develop a campaign to promote the use of PHBs as part of delivery of EHCPs	To provide an opportunity for young people, their families and/or carers to have more control of the commissioning of SEND support bespoke to their health needs.	Increased satisfaction from parents, carers and young people as a personal health budget will increase their control and choice.  Improved outcomes for young people.	Head of Education Excellence  Chief Nurse	In line with SEND Improvement Plan
Children and young people with SEND are supported at home	Develop and implement of an All Age Assistive Technology strategy.  Expand use and resource of assistive technology to support and promote greater independent living.	To provide an opportunity for children and young people with SEND, their families and/or carers to have effective support in the home.	Increased use of adaptations and equipment in the home to improve mobility/safety in the home and support independence.	Head of Education Excellence  Director of Strategy and Outcomes	April 2022
An age appropriate short break offer including Aiming High	Implement a review of the current offer involving young people and their parents/carers in redesigning the offer.	To coproduce an age appropriate offer within Aiming High.	Increased satisfaction from parents, carers and young people.	Head of Communities	April 2021

