

# SE19

## SEND Regional Network



### Regional SEND Update December '22

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#### SE19 Strategic Conversation, Joint Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the Strategic Conversation/ Forum on 14<sup>th</sup> December. We welcomed colleagues from SE19 LAs, NHS, DfE and regional PCFs. It was lovely to see so many of you.

With a packed agenda, the forum heard from Paul Schofield and Dr Helen Brayley-Morris (Deputy Directors, South East Regions Group) and Victoria Chapman (Head of the SE Vulnerable Children's Unit), who provided an introduction and overview of the South East DfE Regions Group. DfE colleagues, Mark McCurrie and Liz Flaherty provided a DfE Update, including the newly published 'Local Area SEND Inspection Framework' and Sarah Clarke from PCF shared the great practice of the 'Local Offer Live 2022'.

The relevant presentations (listed below) can be found attached to this update.

**DfE introduction to South East Regions Group** - *Paul Schofield, Deputy Director, South East Regions Group, Dr Helen Brayley-Morris, DD and Victoria Chapman, Head of the SE Vulnerable Children's Unit*

**'Local Offer Live'** - *Sarah Clarke, PCF*

**Update from DfE, including the newly published 'Local Area SEND Inspection Framework'** - *Mark McCurrie/Liz Flaherty, DfE*

This was the last forum of 2022. Thanks to all for attending and a special note of gratitude to those who have contributed information and/or shared their inspiring practice. Dates for future forums can be found below.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all.

Sheelagh Sullivan (SE19 SEND Programme Lead)  
Rebecca Smith (Forum Facilitator – SDSA)

#### Updates from NHS colleagues - Children's Commissioner reports

Please find below useful links from Children's Commissioner reports.

- [The Children's Commissioner's vision for the SEND system | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)
- [CSJ-Home-education-report.pdf \(centreforsocialjustice.org.uk\)](#)
- <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2022/11/28/out-of-sight-out-of-mind/>

## Promoting Inclusion

The South East 19 regional Improvement Plan identifies **Inclusion and SEND support in mainstream schools/settings** as an area of focus, to explore good practice and 'what works'

A group of representatives from across the region came together for an initial meeting to share practice and information on how to best support inclusion. The group feels it is important to explore what 'good inclusion' looks like and to work together to agree principles on how to measure positive outcomes.

It was agreed there was no single measure of inclusion. The group will share some of the work that has already been carried out, such as a survey of young people about their experiences. The aim is to create a learning community of practice and be actively involved in identifying, using and sharing inclusive practice with colleagues across all the authorities in the region.

Further meetings will be on:

**Friday 20th January 2023 2-3pm via MS Teams**

**Monday 27th February 2023 10-11am**

***N.B The invitation will be sent separately to this email.*** Please contact me on [ejatkinson@me.com](mailto:ejatkinson@me.com) if you would like to join the group and contribute.

## Noddy No-nonsense Guide

Please find attached the Noddy 'no-nonsense' Guide to SEN law November 2022 update.

## Forward dates for some of our SE19 SEND Network Meetings

Meeting Group	SE19 Joint SEND Strategic Conversation/Forum	SE19 LA SEND Strategic Conversation	SE19 EHCP Operational Leads Group
Meeting Focus	To share information and best practice/innovation from the region and beyond from all agencies involved in SEND.	To provide opportunities for peer support to strategic leaders of SEND in SE19 LAs.	To provide opportunities for peer support to managers of operational teams responsible for producing EHCPs.

<b>Who attends</b>	The forum is open to all those involved in SEND working for, or with, the region. It is jointly presented by LA and Health.	SE19 Strategic Leads	SE19 Operational Managers (EHCPs)
<b>Lead Contacts</b>	Co-Chairs – Sheelagh Sullivan (SE19 SEND consultant) and Adeline Gibbs (NHS) Facilitation: SDSA	Chair - Julia Katherine, Surrey  Facilitation: SDSA	Chair - Karen Spencer, West Sussex  Facilitation: SDSA
<b>Time</b>	Wednesdays, 12-1:30pm	Wednesdays, 12-1:30pm	Thursdays, 12-1:30pm
<b>Dates</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> February	25 <sup>th</sup> January	2 <sup>nd</sup> February
	26 <sup>th</sup> April	15 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March
	14 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May
		5 <sup>th</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> July

**NB. There are various other SE19 SEND network groups. We are confirming meeting dates for 2023 for these groups and will provide confirmation of dates in the next 'SE19 SEND Update'**