



## S.E.19 SEND Strategic Conversations - LAs Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Notes of meeting

Attendance	LA
Julia Katherine (Chair)	Surrey
Wendy Vincent	Head of 0-25 Disability Services, Medway Council
Liz Flaherty	DfE SEND adviser
Lucy Butler	SE19 Network Coordinator
Liz Robinson	Head of Inclusion Portsmouth City Council
Ellen Atkinson	SE19 network co-ordinator
Georgina Clarke-Green	Assistant Director Health SEN and Disability, Brighton and Hove
Alistair Hines	Assistant SEN Service Manager - Hampshire County Council
Amanda Percy	Post-16 and Progression Manger, Portsmouth City Council
Anita Pitman	Assistant SEN Service Manager, Isle of Wight
Mark MCCURRIE	DfE SEND adviser
Deborah Smit	SEND Strategic Development and Improvement Manager, Oxfordshire County Council
Steve Tanner	Assistant Director SEND Kent
Jane Seymour	Service Manager SEND, West Berkshire
Sharon Willis,	Interim SEN Service Manager, Portsmouth City Council
Neil Hoskinson	interim Head of SEND, Bracknell Forest
Deborah Bowers	
Nina Broderick	Milton Keynes City Council, Inclusion Service Leader
Carolyn Bristow	
Helen Johns	West Sussex
Jo McSherrie	
Catherine Clarke,	Oxfordshire County Council
Hester Collicutt,	Brighter Futures for Children
Diane Sanderson	
Sheelagh Sullivan	SE19 Regional SEND Network Lead
Becky Smith	SE19 Regional SEND Network support

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1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p>Apologies: Kelly Nash, Rhianedd Hughes, Claire Campling, Andrew Howard, Charlotte Greenbank, Hayley Nowley, Kodjo Ayebe-Kwakye, Kathrine Everett, Paul Crulley</p>
2.	<p><b>Actions and matters arising from last meeting</b></p> <p>Action: Group to contact <a href="mailto:Ellen.Atkinson@ndti.org.uk">Ellen.Atkinson@ndti.org.uk</a> if interested in joining Inclusion group. <b>Please use alternative email address for Ellen, <a href="mailto:ejatkinson@me.com">ejatkinson@me.com</a>. A group has been formed and a meeting has been arranged. Please contact Ellen if you would like to engage. Ideally would like an LA rep from each region to join group.</b></p> <p>Action: Becky to share current membership list for all SE19 Network Groups to be reviewed ensuring right representation across LAs.</p>

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	<p><b>Membership list currently being reviewed to ensure the right representatives are attending the meetings.</b></p> <p>Action: Mark to invite Paul Schofield to attend future meetings to provide overview.</p> <p><b>Paul attending next SE19 Joint Strategic Conversation meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December.</b></p> <p>Action: Becky to share slides in advance of the notes to enable group to cascade to relevant colleagues. <b>Actioned</b></p> <p>Action: Include Inspection Framework in future meetings to review</p> <p><b>Inspection Framework is on the agenda for this meeting.</b></p> <p>Action: Becky to email group with request and deadline date <b>Actioned</b></p> <p>Action: Group to send Becky their employment lead contacts <b>Actioned</b></p>
3.	<p><b>DfE Update – Mark McCurrie (slides attached)</b></p> <p>MMcC highlighted common questions coming through to DfE and provided a summary of the support and funding currently available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget being looked at soon</li> <li>• Safety Valve - 34 LA across the country (20%)</li> <li>• DBV – 1/3 of LA across the country accessing support through DBV</li> <li>• Ellen Atkinson leading on supported internship programme to build capacity to increase the number of supported internships</li> <li>• Ensure LAs and settings are accessing the support available</li> </ul> <p>EOTAS and AP Group EOI – Liz Robinson (Portsmouth), Helen John (West Sussex), Anita Pitman (IOW), Hester Collicutt (Brighter Futures for Children), Jane Seymour (West Berks), Carolyn Bristow, Julia Katherine (Surrey), Alistair Hines (Hants), Catherine Clarke (Oxfordshire)</p> <p><b>Action: Sheelagh to set up a initial meeting with those that are interested to look at EOTAS and AP.</b></p> <p><b>Action: A meeting to be set up to look at issues around EP shortages with Oxfordshire to Chair</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Learning from pilot inspections (new framework) – ‘The Portsmouth experience’ (slides attached)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moved from compliance to experience and outcomes for children</li> <li>• 3 outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The local area partnerships arrangements <b>typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes</b> for children and young people with SEND</li> <li>○ The local area partnerships arrangements <b>lead to inconsistent experiences and outcomes</b> for children and young people with SEND</li> <li>○ There are <b>widespread and/or systemic failings leading to significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes</b> for children and young people with SEND</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 8 inspectors across 15 days</li> <li>• List of children with EHCP and SEN plans and select 6 for tracking</li> <li>• Inspectors were out and about and wanted to meet children and families</li> <li>• Focus on what is happening to the child now, not what has previously happened</li> <li>• Sampling meeting – talking about individual children and case files</li> <li>• Named ‘Lead’ at each meeting and the ‘Lead’ provided feedback to leaders after each meeting</li> <li>• Dynamic of hybrid and impact on people</li> <li>• A lot of information to be uploaded in the first week of the inspection</li> <li>• Business support was very important to support the process</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey that went to parents was too long and too wordy and not many were returned</li> <li>• Broadly positive experience and good framework</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Feedback from SE19 SEND network including:</b></p> <p><b>1. Regional Work (slides attached)</b></p> <p>Inclusion Group – a meeting has been organised for those that expressed an interest. Would like the group to have representative from all LA. Please contact Ellen if you would like to attend <a href="mailto:ejatkinson@me.com">ejatkinson@me.com</a></p> <p>DSCO Group – to form a ‘task and finish’ group to review challenges. For LAs that do not have a DSCO, social care representative can attend.</p> <p>Supported Internships – Based on 2021 survey, there are currently 2500 support internships that are currently of a mixed quality. This programme aims to double this by 2025 over 3 years and increase quality. There is a grant available and the amount will depend on size of LA and number of EHCPs.</p> <p>For more information and to sign up to the programme, please contact Ellen, <a href="mailto:Ellen.Atkinson@ndti.org.uk">Ellen.Atkinson@ndti.org.uk</a></p> <p>Post 16 – two well established groups meet 3 times a year. Group to consider how to make use of the data collated from YP voices. For further information please contact Lucy, <a href="mailto:lbutlersend@gmail.com">lbutlersend@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>2. Feedback from DCO/DMO group (slides attached)</b></p> <p><b>3. SE19 SEND regional operational data and placement guidance</b></p> <p>Feedback from the group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data on numbers of change in SENDCos at school level, how many are on senior leadership, etc</li> <li>• Guidance re EP assessments online- excellent - as some schools feel that they should be physically in front of the pupil and in the building.</li> <li>• It would be good to look how EHCP's are funded across LA's. Banding/hours rate paid. Also how decisions on funding rates are made.</li> <li>• Re EP guidance we are also experiencing parents only wanting face to face which locums not willing to do so impacts on capacity</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Items for discussion raised by the group:</b></p> <p>1. EP Capacity</p> <p>Feedback from the group;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on priorities of need e.g. Early Years EPs</li> <li>• Use of assistant psychologists – turn around annual</li> <li>• Agencies state an increasing number of EPs that are working with them and have their own companies. Therefore similar issues as we have with SEND Officers.</li> </ul> <p>2. SEN transport</p> <p><b>Action: Group to contact Wendy Vincent to share their experience with SEN Transport</b></p>
7.	<p><b>AOB or Items for discussion</b></p> <p>Group agreed to extend future meetings to 2 hours going forwards.</p> <p><b>Action: Extend future meetings by 30 minutes to 2 hours where needed.</b></p>

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	<p><b>Action: Sheelagh to include a line about purpose of meetings and who should attend</b></p> <p>Please let us know your feedback on this meeting and what you would like to see at future meetings.</p> <p><b>Meeting Feedback</b> <a href="https://forms.gle/NWjbLqfEqTLHJzBw8">https://forms.gle/NWjbLqfEqTLHJzBw8</a></p>
	<p><b>Future meeting dates:</b></p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> January 2023 12-1.30pm</p>
	<p><b>Future topics:</b></p> <p>Please send any items or questions and queries you would like to discuss with colleagues to Sheelagh Sullivan at <a href="mailto:sheelagh.sullivan@outlook.com">sheelagh.sullivan@outlook.com</a>.</p>

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