



# SESLIP SEND PROGRAMME 2025/26

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South East Sector Led  
Improvement Programme



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## DFE SEND Priorities

- Delivering Better Value
- What Works in SEND
- Greater inclusion in mainstream settings
- Reduction in high-cost placements
- Reduction in home-to-school travel
- Development of stakeholder partnerships

## 5 DFE SEND Enablers

1. Co-production and relationships at the heart of the system
2. Shared vision and evidence-informed priorities
3. Stable and knowledgeable leadership and governance
4. A focus on high-quality delivery of the essentials
5. A well-organised, skilled and supported workforce

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## DFE CORE REQUIREMENTS & PRIORITIES

Core Requirement	Project No.	Project Name	Project Lead
<b>SEND Data Capacity and Capability</b> To support the better use of data by individual LAs and as a collective region to enable SEND and AP service improvement	1	<b>Data Benchmarking for both CSC and SEND</b>	Luke Ede
<b>SEND Regional Diagnostics</b> To support the identification of issues in SEND and AP within LAs and across the region	3	<b>SEND Courageous Conversations</b>	Chris Baird
<b>SEND Universal Improvement</b> To support SEND and AP improvement need(s) for all LAs within the region in preparation for upcoming national reforms	4	<b>SEND Workforce Development in Residential Settings</b>	Mark Evans
	5	<b>Take Your Place: CSC and SEND Future Leaders Programme</b>	Mark Evans
	7	<b>SEND Workforce</b>	Claire Woodcock
	15	<b>Task-and-finish AP Community of Practice</b>	Chris Owen
	17	<b>Developing SEND Specialism/Expertise</b>	Jo McSherrie, Sheelagh Sullivan
	18	<b>Using technology to improve decision making in SEND to enable best use of resources to support CYP with SEND</b>	Nick King
	19	<b>Working with Partners to Improve Co-Production</b>	Sheelagh Sullivan
	20	<b>Mainstream Inclusion Project</b>	Marian Cullen
	21	<b>SENDAP Inclusion</b>	Chris Owen
	22	<b>Youth Offending Teams and Speech and Language assessment</b>	Carly Murphy
<b>SEND Targeted Support</b> Create an option to support improvement in specific areas of practice for LAs within the region where there are strong LAs able and willing to provide the required support. This support should be in line with reform priorities.	33	<b>Targeted Support</b>	Chris Baird, Claire Woodcock

# SEND PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT NETWORKS FOR 2025/26



## SEND Forum

Network open to all involved in SEND across the region including settings, parent/carers and CYPs

The forum ensure a mixture of national updates and sharing of regional good practice



## Strategic Leads

Network for strategic leaders in SEND

Provide professional support with opportunities to discuss key issues with peers

Half termly virtual meetings, some of which may be replaced by in-person day conferences



## Operational Leads

Network for those managing teams with responsibility for EHCPs

Development of regional training (Induction and Apprenticeships) for EHCP caseworkers/officers

The pattern of meetings and purpose of the group is the same as identified above for Strategic Leads



## PfA and Post 16 Network

Network for staff with responsibility for post 16 SEND developments in LAs with regional providers from schools and colleges, including some independent providers

The network is a platform for discussion around regional challenges with opportunities for the development of regional protocols



# GET IN TOUCH

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