

CYP Voice in the SE - Survey

Project outline

SESLIP has commissioned a regional project to understand how the voice of children and young people (CYP) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is captured, coordinated, and used to drive improvement and better outcomes across the South East.

Aims of project

- 1) Understand regional picture to inform The South East State of the Region Report (2026)**
- 2) Develop a community of practice**
- 3) Celebration event on June 26**

As part of this work, we are inviting all local areas to contribute in two ways. A letter will be sent to DCS and ICB SEND Leads in the region this week.

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1. **Completion of the Senior Leaders Survey by ~~Monday 23rd February 2026~~ Friday, 27 February 2026.**

This survey explores how CYP voice is gathered, and embedded across education, health, and care systems. **It will inform:**

- The South East State of the Region Report (2026)
- A regional learning and celebration event in Summer 2026

The report will highlight strengths, challenges, and examples of effective practice from across the South East.

Who should complete the survey? Senior and system-level SEND leads across education, health and care, for example:

- Heads of SEND
- Commissioners
- Designated Clinical or Social Care Officers
- Participation/Engagement Leads

Where possible, we strongly encourage a partnership response, drawing on the shared insight of education, health and care colleagues. You may find it helpful to complete the survey through an existing multi-agency forum focused on participation or engagement. All responses are anonymous and will be analysed at a regional level only. Findings will be shared publicly across the South East.

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2. Gathering CYP Voice Using SEND Voice activity by ~~Monday 16th March 2026~~ Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Alongside the survey, we are inviting all Local Area participation leads to support the upcoming **SEND Voice activity**, which aims to gather meaningful insights directly from children and young people (CYP) with SEND about their experiences, views, and involvement in decision-making.

You can collect this feedback in any way that works best for your setting, including through Microsoft Form survey, a graffiti wall, group discussion, or by simply asking CYP the set questions in a format that feels accessible and comfortable for them.