South East SEND Health Workforce Project

PROJECT OVERVIEW FOR THE DCO/DMO FORUM NETWORK

22/9/26

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South East Sector Led Improvement Programme

Project Overview

PROJECT AIM

To support health professionals across ICBs and provider organisations through strengthened SEND induction, training and workforce development resources aligned to the SEND Training Assurance Framework.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This project reviews the SEND Training Assurance Framework, maps existing learning and development resources, creates a comprehensive SEND learning toolkit / resource library, and delivers a regional SEND health workforce event. It is designed to make the most of in-kind subject-matter expertise from DCO/DMO Forum members, the wider SEND health network and the South East SEND Advisor — a cost-effective approach that avoids duplication and builds sustainable outputs for the wider South East SEND system.

Existing resources:

- SEND Training Assurance Framework: **SEND Training Assurance Framework.pdf**
- Workforce development resources: **Catalogue**

DURATION

7 months • September 2026 – March 2027

SPONSORING GROUP

DCO/DMO Forum, in partnership with NHSE and SESLIP

SCOPE

Health professionals across ICBs and provider organisations, South East region

What We'll Deliver

Objectives, delivery timeline and expected benefits

1

Refresh the TAF

Review and refresh the SEND Training Assurance Framework.

2

Map Resources

Map existing SEND training and workforce development resources.

3

Build the Toolkit

Establish a regional SEND resource library or practical toolkit.

4

Regional Event

Deliver a face-to-face South East SEND workforce event by 31 Mar 2027.

KEY MILESTONES — SEPTEMBER 2026 TO MARCH 2027

Sept	Oct-Dec	Dec-Jan	Jan-Feb	Jan–Mar	Mar
Project launch & governance agreed	TAF review completed	Event programme confirmed	Training & resource mapping done	Resource library QA'd	Regional event & final report

BENEFITS & IMPACT

- ✓ More consistent SEND induction and training across ICBs and providers
- ✓ Less duplication through one accessible toolkit and resource library
- ✓ Increased workforce knowledge, confidence and capability on SEND
- ✓ A sustainable resource maintained beyond the life of the project

Key Actions to be Confirmed

Decisions and next steps to take through the DCO/DMO network

IMMEDIATE — 22 SEPTEMBER DCO/DMO FORUM

- → Present the project to the DCO/DMO Forum to secure buy-in and sign-off on governance arrangements
- → Agree membership of the working group (DCO/DMO, provider input, SEND champions)
- → Test proposed event location and frequency approach with the network
- → Identify SEND champions across ICBs and provider trusts

OPEN DECISIONS — TO CONFIRM AS THE PROJECT PROGRESSES

- ? Format: regional resource library vs. practical SEND toolkit (or both)
- ? TAF fit-for-purpose review
- ? Hosting, ownership and update process for the resource library
- ? Regional Event (Date / Venue TBC)

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