

Nottinghamshire SEND Partnership Improvement Board: 24 November 2023 stakeholder update.

The SEND Partnership Improvement Board has been established to oversee SEND improvement activity across the whole system in Nottinghamshire, with a focus on the priorities and areas for improvements identified in the [Ofsted and CQC inspection report](#). The Board meets monthly and is chaired independently by Dame Christine Lenehan, formerly Director Council for Disabled Children. For the period Oct – December 2023, the Board will be chaired by Deputy Deborah Glassbrook, who is also the Local Government Association SEND Improvement Advisor.

The aim of the Nottinghamshire SEND Improvement Board is to robustly track, monitor and oversee the Nottinghamshire SEND Improvement Programme so that the aims are achieved at pace and provide challenge and support to increase the likelihood of the aims being achieved.

The purpose of these stakeholder briefings is to update you on progress of the SEND Improvement Programme so you can share the work that is taking place via your networks. You can see previous [stakeholder briefings](#) from Improvement Board meetings from June 2023 onwards.

The most recent Board meeting took place on 24 November with a particular focus on quality assurance and communications, engagement and co-production.

[Update on school architecture](#)

The Board received an update on the Education System and Governance across Nottinghamshire. Schools play a significant role in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND and they play a key role in the improvement process. There will be an item on school inclusion in the January Board meeting.

[Spotlight on quality assurance](#)

The Board received an update about the areas of progress for quality assurance. The focus for Q3 is to complete a stocktake exercise; link with data workstream leads to refine metrics and data submission arrangements and define 'what good looks like' for Education and Health Care Plans.

There will be a further update on quality assurance in March 2024.

Spotlight on communications, engagement and co-production

An update was provided on progress on the co-production, engagement and communications work.

Parent Carer Reference Groups have taken place and the Pioneers Youth Forum have agreed to be the voice of children and young people. Some topic-based engagement work has begun around speech and language therapy.

There is acknowledgment that more children and young people, parent and carers, need to be involved with the co-production work. Social media advertising and parent and carer Facebook groups will be used to encourage more people to become involved.

The Parent Carer Forum fed back that they are receiving challenges from parents who need more information on a more regular basis. The co-production, engagement and communication leads were asked to take away an action to find out what it is that parents need.

Progress update regarding partnership data sharing and formation of the Data Dashboard

There are certain data sets that will be collected as a system for a single view. Data will be gathered from health and social care partners for the following services:

- Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)
- Occupational Therapy (OT)
- Physiotherapy (PT)
- Community Paediatrics (including Neurodevelopmental)
- Mental Health (CAMHS)
- Equipment

Work is progressing well and the benchmarking of these services against East Midlands and national performance is completed (this was shared with board members following the discussion). A more detailed data set will be shared December when the Board will further consider how the data will be used as part of the improvement process.

Deep dive feedback

Sessions have been undertaken with professionals, parents and carers, to gain a greater understanding of the view of the SEND improvement journey and where there can be even more working together for greater impact. The key themes that came out of the sessions were communication, joint commissioning and joining up of pathways.

The board will look into these areas in greater depth in the December meeting with a focus on how the partnership can identify and overcome barriers to success.

Other issues

There needs to be a piece of work for the partnership to support the Parent Carer Forum and give parents confidence about what is happening in priority areas 1 and 2. This will come back to the Board for discussion in February 2024.

Improvement Board attendees

- Deborah Glassbrook – Deputy Chair
- Councillor Tracey Taylor - Lead Member for Children and Families at Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nick Harrison - Senior Programme Manager, Children and Young People and SEND, NHS England (NHSE)
- Rebecca Hogan - SEND Professional Adviser, Department for Education
- Georgina Palmer - Lead of Nottinghamshire Parent/Carer Forum, Nottinghamshire Parent/Carer Forum
- Paul Heery - Chief Executive Officer, White Hills Park Trust
- Matt Rooney - Principal, St Giles School
- Colin Pettigrew - Corporate Director, Children and Families & Joint SRO of the SEND Improvement Programme, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Rosa Waddingham, Chief Nurse, ICB
- Ifti Majid, Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust
- Melanie Williams, Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Peter McConnochie, Service Director for Education, Learning and Inclusion, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Ian Dixon, East Midlands Regional Lead for SEND, Department for Education (DfE)
- Natasha Mathers - SEND Improvement Programme Manager, ICB and Nottinghamshire County Council
- Sarah Dalgress - SEND Improvement Programme Business Support Administrator, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Julie Cuthbert - Head of Communications, ICB
- Penny Cole, Assistant Director of Quality and Safety, ICB
- Simon Frampton - Head of Quality Performance Insights, SAIU, ICB
- Tina Ward, Children & Young People Learning Disability & Autism and SEND Senior Manager (East Midlands), NHS England
- Chris Jones, SEND Strategic Lead, Nottinghamshire County Council

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