

The Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP)

The Suffolk SEND Local Area Inclusion Plan will drive improvements to services that support our children, young people and their families.

A shared vision with coproduced aspirations will ensure that sustained improvements will be felt across the SEND system in Suffolk.

The LAIP has recently been reviewed and updated across the partnership.





Building Blocks

Updates on progress

January 2026

RAG	Description	Total out of 143 actions	%	Direction of Travel
R	High risk – action not started yet but expected it to have commenced. Escalation required	0	0%	↓
A	Significant risk – plan in place, action started but further work required to ensure improvement	4	2.8%	↓
P	On track – running to plan and within timescale, performance has improved against the plan	89	62.2%	↑
G	Actioned – implemented and embedded	6	4.2%	↑
C	Completed – can be removed from the plan	0	0%	↔
NS	Not started	44	30.1%	↓

Updates on progress

March 2026

RAG	Description	Total out of 140 actions	%	Direction of Travel
R	High risk – action not started yet but expected it to have commenced. Escalation required	0	0%	↓
A	Significant risk – plan in place, action started but further work required to ensure improvement	3	2.1%	↓
P	On track – running to plan and within timescale, performance has improved against the plan	95	67.8%	↑
G	Actioned – implemented and embedded	14	10%	↑
C	Completed – can be removed from the plan	0	0%	↔
NS	Not started	28	20%	↓

Progress updates (January – April)

- 10% of all actions are now green (compared to 4.2% in January)
- 67.8% of all actions are on track
- The number of actions ‘not started’ has reduced from 30.1% to 20%



Progress updates (cont'd)

- Coproduced a Local Area Inclusion Plan
- Created an annual data calendar/timetable to support key lines of enquiry, national release of data including benchmarking Suffolk against national data sets
- Coproduced a Local Area Self-Evaluation Framework (SEF)
- Provided a substantial update including data relating to Education, Health and Care Plans to the DfE following the stocktake in November 2025



Progress updates (cont'd)

- Coproduced a SEND Communications Strategy
- Created an action log for all IT related changes to ensure prioritisation of improvement across Education and Inclusion (LA specific)
- Developed a Deficit Management Plan
- Established a Preparing for Adulthood subgroup with associated governance
- Relunched the Further Education (FE) Forum
- Coproduced a SEND Sufficiency Strategy



Areas of Risk (Amber rated)

- Appointment of a coproduction lead has been delayed. Interviews to be booked following delays due to inspection
- Coproduced action plan following the SPCF survey is delayed. Work is underway to refine the action plan in line with SPCF feedback

