

AGENDA

Meeting:	SEND Improvement Board
Date:	Thursday 29 th January 2026
Place:	Hybrid Teams Meeting & Endeavour House, Elisabeth Frink Room
Times:	10:00AM to 12:45PM
Members:	<p>Kathryn Boulton (KB), Independent Chair</p> <p>Nicola Beach (NB), Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Dr Ed Garratt OBE (EG), Chief Executive, Suffolk and North-East Essex Integrated Care Board</p> <p>Sarah-Jane Smedmor (SJM) Executive Director Children Services, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Lisa Nobes (LN), Director NHS Suffolk and North-East Essex Integrated Care Board</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Reid (AR), Cabinet Member for SEND & Education</p> <p>Cllr Bobby Bennett (BB), Cabinet Member for Children & Young People</p> <p>Anna Mears (AM) Director of SEND at EAST (Special School Representative)</p> <p>Anthony Deery (ADe) Chief Nurse, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Catherine Morgan (CM) Chief Nurse, East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Charlotte Crane (CC) Senior Safeguarding Manager for SEND, NHS England</p> <p>Chloe Worboyes (CW) Department for Education SEND Advisor</p> <p>Chris Lee (CL) Interim Assistant Director for Inclusion, Suffolk Council County</p> <p>Chris Morris (CM), Service Director Education, SEND & School Infrastructure, Bedford Borough Council (Sector Led Improvement Partner)</p> <p>Daniel Jones (DJ) CEO Children's Endeavour Trust (School Representative)</p> <p>Daniel Spooner (DS) Chief Nurse, West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Emily Williams (EW) Deputy Director of East of England, Department for Education</p> <p>Gareth Everton (GE) Director of Adult Social Care, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Garry Joyce (GJ) Assistant Director CYP Suffolk and North-East Essex Integrated Care Board</p> <p>Harriet Wakeling (HW) Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Quality, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Hayley Cullimore (HCu) Head of Inclusion, ASSET Education (Primary Education Representative)</p> <p>Helen Chester (HCe) Department for Education SEND Advisor</p> <p>Hayley Griffin (HG) Service Director for Social Care, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Jacky Copping (JC) Director of Nursing, James Paget University Hospital Trust</p> <p>James Allen-Perry (JAP) SEND Improvement and Intervention Regional Lead Vulnerable Children Unit, East of England</p>

	<p>Jessica Clarke (JC) Team Leader for Suffolk, East of England, Regions Group</p> <p>Jonathan Fairclough (JF) Head of Delivery for Suffolk & Cambridgeshire, Department for Education</p> <p>Jo Hedley (JH) SEND Consultant, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Julia Grainger (JG) Assistant Director Education and Learning, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Kat Willson (KW) SEND Programme Manager, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Kate Dodd (KD) Communications Programme Manager, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Kathryn Searle (KS) Deputy Director of Nursing, Suffolk and North-East Essex ICB</p> <p>Louise Warren (LW) NHS England Advisor</p> <p>Nicki Howlett (NH) Service Lead, Suffolk SENDIASS</p> <p>Nicola Roper (NR) Assistant Director Adult Services, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Rebecca Hulme (RH) Director Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board</p> <p>Sharon Muldoon (SMu) Director of Education, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Sue Willgoss (SW) Suffolk Parent Carer Forum</p> <p>Trudi Rose-Porter (TRP) Director- Transition, Foundation and Inclusive Learning (Post 16 Representative)</p>
Invited to attend	<p>Stuart Keeble (SK) Executive Director of Public Health & Communities, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Rebecca Allen (RA) Head of Public Health & Communities Analytics, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Martine Simpson (MS) Strategic Lead for Preparing for Adulthood, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Jen Beaton (JB) Joint Head of SEND Services, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Lucy Doherty (LD) Joint Head of SEND Services, Suffolk County Council</p> <p>Rachel Cogman (RC) Head of CYP Quality Assurance, Suffolk County Council</p>

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1.	10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Apologies (5 mins)	Kathryn Boulton	
2.	10:05 – 10:10	Review Minutes and Action Log <i>For approval</i> (5 mins)	Kathryn Boulton	Draft minutes Action Log
3	10:10 – 10:20	Preparing for Adulthood Update <i>For information and assurance on key milestones</i> (10 mins)	Martine Simpson	Front Sheet Presentation
4.	10:20 – 10:30	DfE Stocktake – Statutory SEND Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Timeliness for Education Health Care Needs Assessments - Children with EHCPs without school placement <i>For information and assurance on milestones</i> (10 mins)	Jen Beaton/ Lucy Doherty	Front Sheet Presentation

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5.	10:30 – 10:50	Children and Young People Data link to NHS Health Data <i>For information and discussion</i> (20 mins)	Harriet Wakeling/ Rebecca Alan	Front Sheet Presentation
6.	10:50 – 11:05	Education Representatives update <i>For information</i> (15 mins)	Education Representatives	Report
7.	11:05- 11:25	SPCF Update <i>For information</i> (20 mins)	Sue Willgoss	
8.	11:25 – 11:30	You Said, We Did <i>For information</i> (5 mins)	Chris Lee	You Said, We Did
	11:30 – 11:40	Break (10 mins)		
9.	11:40 – 12:05	Local Area Inclusion Plan and SEND Reform Plan <i>For approval</i> (25 mins)	Jo Hedley Sharon Muldoon	Front Sheet Local Area Inclusion Plan
10.	12:05 – 12:15	Quality Assurance & Performance <i>Update from EHCP QA Audit Programme</i> (10 mins)	Rachel Cogman	Presentation Report

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11.	12:15 – 12:40	<p>Performance and Data</p> <p>SEND Exceptions Report SEND Scorecard Update ND and Mental Health Update</p> <p><i>For information and discussion</i> (25 mins)</p>	Chris Lee Chris Morris Kathryn Searle	<p>SEND Exceptions Report</p> <p>Front Sheet SEND Scorecard Presentation</p> <p>ND and Mental Health Presentation</p>
12.	12:40 – 12:45	<p>Forward Plan and Any Other Business</p> <p>(5 mins)</p>	Kathryn Boulton	<p>Forward Plan</p>
13.		<p>Papers for information:</p> <p>SEND Operational Group Highlight Report ASEND Inspection Readiness – Update DFE/NHSE SEND Reform Letter DfE Stocktake Letter Chair’s Report - SEND Improvement Board Dec 2025</p>		
Next meetings scheduled for:		<p>Thursday 26th March 2026, 11AM – 13:45PM Thursday 21st May 2026, 11AM – 13:45PM TBC Thursday 9th July 2026, 11AM – 13:45PM</p>		