

## SEND Improvement Board Report - Front Sheet

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| <b>Report Title</b>  | <b>Statutory SEND Service Stocktake Response</b>  |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>   | 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2026   |
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| <b>Report Purpose</b>  | <p><b>EHCP backlog update</b> - including confirmation of over-52-week and over-30-week assessments, and assurance on our milestones to achieve national average timeliness.</p> <p>National average: <b>46.4%</b> of new EHCPs are issued within 20 weeks</p> <p>Suffolk County Council: Reporting for this month (Jan 2026) shows that <b>29.7%</b> of new EHCPs were issued within 20 weeks. This demonstrates that we are in line with current forecast to meet national average by end of March 26.</p> <p><b>Children with an EHCP without a placement</b> – presentation of the cohort and narrative of development since the last inspection.</p> |
| <b>Key Recommendations</b>   | <p>Continue to provide clear context of the timescales for children and young people in assessment, including monitor exceptions where families are going through appeal.</p> <p>Ongoing monitoring of those children without placement, working with leaders on sufficiency to establish appropriate provision to meet needs.</p>  |
| <b>What is the impact of this report/ work for Children, Young People with SEND and their families</b> | <p>Demonstrates the progress towards ensuring that families in Suffolk receive EHCPs in a timely manner.</p> <p>Demonstrates a clear identification of the cohort of children with an EHCP without a setting and the steps taken by the service to ensure provision is made.</p>  |