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PROGRAMME UPDATE

Keeping stakeholders, parents and carers informed about Dudley's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Improvement Programme

Message from Helen Ellis, Service Director for SEND, Education and Family Solutions, Dudley Council

Welcome to our latest SEND Improvement Programme bulletin. Moving forward, we will be issuing these editions monthly to highlight latest programme developments.

I'm excited to see the launch of a brand new Local Offer website - a one stop resource of information and services available for children and young people with SEND, their parents, carers, families and professionals. We want to understand if the website is helpful, easy to use and provides you with the information you need, therefore, [your views](#) are incredibly important to ensure it's successful.

I would like to [welcome Dr Catherine Driscoll](#), new permanent Director of Children's Services at Dudley Council to the team. She joins us from her previous role as Chief Executive for Worcestershire Children First and Director of Children's Services at Worcestershire County Council. Catherine has a breadth of experience and brings a wealth of knowledge to the role, with involvement across children's services in particular, but also social care, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector. Stourbridge is home to Catherine, so this new post is a chance for her to return home and serve the community where she grew up.

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