



March/April 2021

PROGRAMME UPDATE

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

5. SEND Network Update

The third set of SEND Network Continuous Professional Development Sessions took place virtually on Wednesday 17th March 2021 starting at 9.30AM and 1.30PM with over 100 SENCOs and partner professionals in attendance.

The SEND team Good News item started the sessions by mentioning the recent meetings between Case Officers, Managers and Heads which are to become termly meetings. The revised ECHP format was shared highlighting the new aspects and confirming the Quality Assurance processes in place to ensure that the best possible Education, Care and Health Plans (ECHPs) can be produced. The new Local Offer Leaflet was shown and explained as well as the forthcoming Dudley SEND Inclusion Portal for use by SENCOs and Headteachers.

The main training session was around the Code of Practice and placing of Young People with ECHPs in settings, especially the consultation processes with schools which is based on parental and young people preferences.

Future sessions on 17th May and 7th July 2021 will be covering a revised Annual Review and Needs Assessment Request paperwork and processes, the Graduated Approach and the 20 Week Process for ECHPs.

It was so pleasing that so many colleagues volunteered to take part in the Annual Review Pilot next term and the previewing of the SEND Toolkit (for professionals, parents and carers) before launch in June.

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