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PROGRAMME UPDATE

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

1) Message from Helen Ellis, Service Director for Early Help, Schools and SEND, Dudley Council

Welcome to our latest SEND Improvement Programme bulletin.

The launch of our new SEND Strategy in late September was a successful virtual event that brought together stakeholders, parents, carers and young people with SEND. Over 100 people attended the event on 30 September, but a recording of the event and the strategy itself are both available on our website for people who were unable to join us in September.

In October, we held our second SEND Deep Dive Workshop as we continue to work towards improving our offer in fourteen areas of weakness. We are making good progress and have organised the areas by priority so as each workshop can focus on specific ways in which we can continue to improve.

We have a series of workshops and events to get involved with in the coming months! Keep reading to discover various available opportunities that may appeal to you. If you are a parent or carer for a child or young person with special educational needs and disabilities, you can also find out more in this edition about how to join Dudley's Parent Carer Forum which works with us to improve the available services in the borough.

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