

# SEND News & Events for Education Settings

## Education Setting Workforce Development...(continued)

### **Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)**

The PINS project is funded by the Department for Education (DfE) supported by the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England (NHSE). And is available to every Integrated Care Board (ICB) in England. It works to the principle that meeting the needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) in mainstream schools is the cornerstone to improving outcomes (across attainment, attendance and wellbeing) and parental confidence.

Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) will bring health and education specialists and expert parent carers into mainstream primary settings to:

- Help shape whole school SEND provision
- provide early interventions at a school level
- upskill school staff
- support the strengthening of partnerships between schools and parent carers

The project will support closer collaboration between education, health and parent communities and focus on strengthening knowledge, skills and improving environments to better meet the needs of neurodiverse children and reframe the focus to how a supportive learning environment and well-equipped school can improve the outcomes for this group of children.

Following an invitation for expressions of interest, we have identified 10 primary schools from across Dudley who will be part of this project. The schools have submitted a self assessment tool to identify the areas of need within the schools and inform the Delivery Plan. The plan will build on current expertise and capacity, support schools to access the equivalent of 5 days (in hours / sessions) of time to support them to develop learning in the areas of needs identified from the self-assessment. This approach will focus on the whole school approach not on individual children.

The programme of support and delivery will take place between September 2024 and March 2025. The learning and impact of the project will inform sustainable practice that can be shared across the local authority to ensure improved outcomes for Dudley's neuro-diverse cohort.

The new SEND training offer will be available from the Spring 2024.

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