

Update from

SEND&AP Change Programme



Newsletter May 2024

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter! We're delighted to continue our journey of keeping you informed about the progress we're making in piloting the proposals outlined in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities & Alternative Provision (SEND&AP) Improvement Plan. As we dive deeper into the program, we invite you to join us in exploring the latest updates and developments.

The pre-election period is the period directly ahead of an election when local authorities need to take particular care that they are not using council resources in a way that could be deemed likely to influence the outcome of an election or promote a candidate. During this time any communications we share will reflect this guidance.

While this is not a Portsmouth City Council election, we must be aware that Portsmouth residents will be voting in the general election and we should give consideration to any activity planned during this period.

What's been happening?

Local Area Inclusion Plan - A message from Assistant Director for Commissioning and Performance in Children's Services, Portsmouth City Council - Hayden Ginns

On the 17th May, we submitted our first draft of the Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP) - a new model for strategic planning created by the DfE as part of the SENDAP change programme. We are using this to inform our new SENDAP Strategy. The LAIP is a huge 75-page document outlining the needs of, and outcomes for, our SEND children and those in AP. A huge thank you to Inclusion Managers, the data teams, Early Years team and the Integrated Commissioning Team for getting us to this milestone. We will continue to work on the draft throughout June and aim to bring the final version to our next LAIP Board meeting on Thursday 4th July.

Transition to post-16

Simon Brown, Director of SEND and ALS at Chichester College Group summarised the aims of the recently formed SEND&AP Transition to Post-16 Group, see below:

There are three key areas of interest and development within our region all of which focus upon transition: transition into post-16 settings with a particular focus on AP, transition through college with the appropriate Ordinarily Available Provision (OAP) and transition out of college into employment.

Work has begun on the transition into post-16 for young people who have been out of full-time education and / or accessing AP. The AP commissioners and SEND leads across the local authorities have been working to ensure enhanced transitions this year, enabling learners to experience the college setting and gain real-life exposure to the learning environment prior to the start of term.

Once a learner is established in college, it is key to getting the right support at the right time. This means empowering teaching teams to deliver inclusive practises, known as OAP. Our next focus is on how OAP is delivered within post-16 settings. We have started to develop this training with Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as the core framework underpinning OAP. This initiative marks an exciting time in developing a whole-college approach to inclusion that enhances the skills, confidence and independence of all learners.

Finally, post-16 providers are reviewing their offers to focus on employability through Additional Support Services and expanding the Supported Internship offer across all localities within our region. This and other good practices will be integral to the post-16 focus of the SEND AP Programme.

South East Commissioning Working Group - Helena Kelsey, AP Commissioning Manager.

On Tuesday 14 May, Alternative Provision Commissioners from across the South East SENDAP Change Programme met as a collective for the first time. We had rich conversations about the group's remit, including our hopes and expectations for future meetings. Everyone was in agreement that the Working Group will provide a dedicated space for AP Commissioners to share best practice and to identify collaborative working opportunities. Looking ahead, the group will meet online on a bi-monthly basis, and we hope to get together in-person soon. If you have any questions about the work we are doing, just contact: APCommissioning@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

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