

Update from

SEND&AP Change Programme



Newsletter October 2024

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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.

What's been happening?

Alternative Provision Provider Group - 09.09.2024

In September, alternative education providers came together for Portsmouth's second Alternative Provision Provider Group. A range of unregistered alternative providers were represented, including some already working with Portsmouth students, and others looking to expand their services into the area. The event began with a dedicated session for partner networking, giving stakeholders a platform to forge new partnerships and to explore collaborative opportunities. Attendees then received updates on topics such as the alternative provision quality assurance process and an introduction to the newly launched [Portsmouth Alternative Provider Directory](#), though it is still in its early stages and currently does not contain any listed providers (check back soon to see details of the first few organisations who have been awarded 'assured' status). Attendees were also fortunate to hear a presentation from Sarah Christopher, PCC Partnership and School Inclusion Manager, on Portsmouth's well-established 'Ordinarily Available Provision' guidance document. The presentation was followed by vibrant discussions about how the guidance could be effectively utilised within the alternative provision sector. The group will meet again in November 2024.

Alternative Provision Review - REACH / Olive Academies

This week, colleagues from PCC took part in the first of 2 deep dive meetings to review Portsmouth's alternative provision approach and strategy. The review is being led by Adam Tedesco, Deputy CEO of Olive Academies as part of the REACH (Reaching Excellence and Ambition for all Children) Support offer. The first meeting provided an opportunity for PCC colleagues to reflect on areas of real strength within our alternative provision structures, including our 4-tier alternative provision model. Space was also given to consider areas for development that PCC would be keen to receive support on from Olive Academies and REACH. This led the group to identify the development of a robust monitoring and evaluation framework for alternative provision as a focus for the support, enabling us to effectively

measure the impact of the city's provision. We are looking forward to meeting colleagues from Olive Academies and REACh again later this month to build on these conversations.

Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP) Completion

We are pleased to report that Portsmouth's Local Area Inclusion Plan has now been signed off by our SENDAP board. The process of completing the LAIP was extremely useful in helping us to understand the SEND picture in Portsmouth and has complimented our work on the new (in progress) SENDAP strategy. We have now submitted the final version of the LAIP to the DfE as part of the change programme. We are awaiting confirmation of whether feedback will be given on LAIPs to the LAs involved.

To find out more about the SEND&AP Change Programme please visit: [Portsmouth's SEND&AP Change Programme < Portsmouth Local Offer](#)

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