

Developing the Local Area SEND Strategy in Oxfordshire

To ensure the development of a genuinely co-owned, co-produced and co-designed Local Area SEND Strategy, Oxfordshire has created a governance structure with collective responsibility; central to this is the permission to act on behalf of the Local Area.

The approach involves lead representatives from 5 key sectors - the Pentagon of Parity:

Sector	Lead Representative
Parents and Families	Jules Sinclair and Stephanie Harrison, Oxfordshire Parent Carer Forum (PCF) Co-Chairs
LA Education	Hayley Good, Deputy Director of Children's Services/Education, Oxfordshire County Council
Education Settings	Simon Knight, Headteacher, Frank Wise School
Social Care	Charlotte Davey, Head of Children with Disabilities, Oxfordshire County Council
Health	Helen Ward, Head of Quality, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Each of the 5 sectors has equal 'weight' with full responsibility to gather and reflect the representative views of their constituents/members/colleagues.

Children and young people will also be involved in the development of the Local Area SEND Strategy following the initial drafting work.

The Process

- At the SEND Performance Board (attendees included the 5 sectors) on 8th July 2021, after some consideration, an exemplar SEND Strategy from another local area was proposed as a document structure that we should follow.
- The sector representatives canvassed colleagues/members on this document and feedback was that the structure/format was helpful and something we should develop further.
- On this basis, two people were tasked with providing an initial Oxfordshire Local Area SEND Strategy as a starting point, this was shared with the sector representatives.
- Drafting sessions were held on 17th, 22nd and 24th September 2021 with invitations for two people per sector to be involved in shaping the document.

Next Steps

- Collectively agreed draft ready for public consultation
- Individual sector governance and sign off
- Public consultation begins in late October 2021
- December 2021 – 5 Sectors review consultation feedback and consider/agree any amendments
- January 2022 – Local Area SEND Strategy published