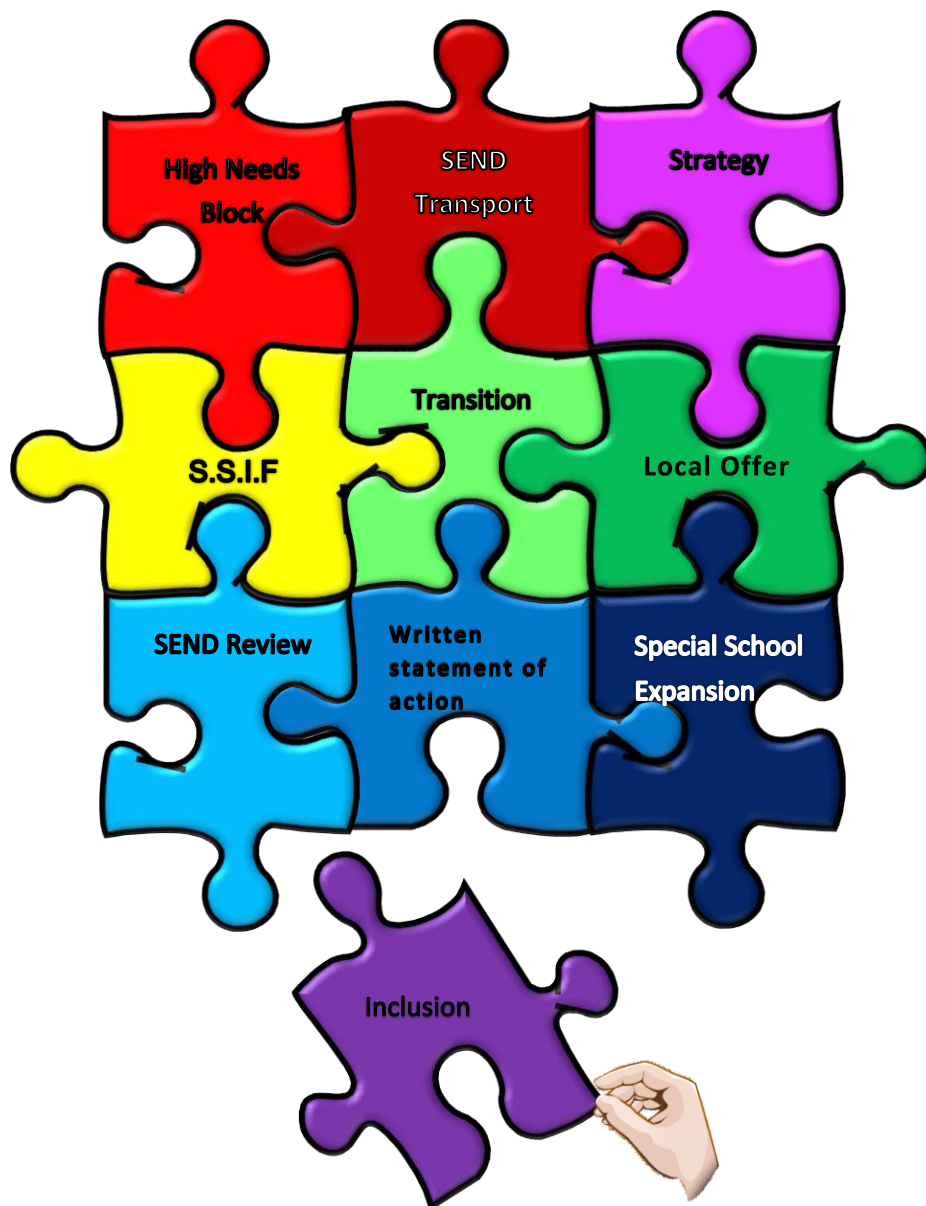


SEND NEWSLETTER



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SEND Jigsaw outcomes	Outcomes and expectations of the SEND jigsaw
SEND inspection	In May, the City had an OfSTED/CQC inspection- find out more

OUTCOMES

- Improving academic outcomes of CYP with SEND in all key stages and in FE
- Improving the life outcomes of CYP to as much as possible
 - Be healthy
 - Be independent
 - Be connected to their local community
 - Be engaged in work / meaningful activity



Quote from Paul Tinsley: *“In all aspects of this work we are keen to fully involve our partners and stakeholders in helping us with our transformation journey. We have a shared responsibility to improve outcomes for our SEND learners and are working hard to improve our communication strategy and stakeholder involvement. We welcome your continued feedback and participation in this respect.”*



SEND TRANSPORT

SEND is instigating a new internal process for awarding / re-awarding home to school transport.

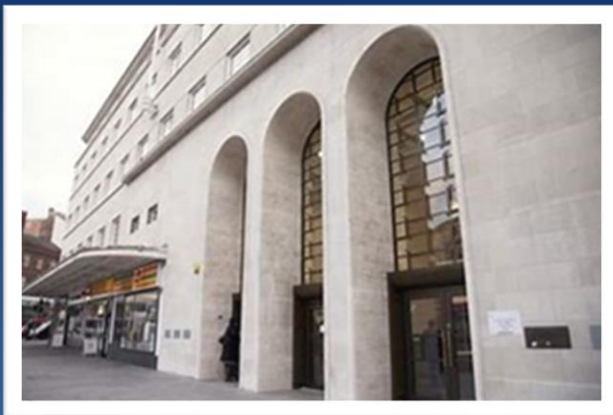
Database will be cleansed to improve efficiency.

At the same time as looking at new efficient and effective ways of funding home to schools transport.

While also prepared to consult on possible policy change.

For further information contact
vicki.urch@leicester.gov.uk

Strategy



- Working with SENCO to develop improved strategic aims:
 - Reviewing strategic objectives and
 - Identifying how LCC is meeting its strategic aims.
- Reviewing the LCC vision for SEND.
- Planning a wider formal consultation in January.
- **Task and finish group contact**
Azmat.nazim@leicester.gov.uk for further information.



SPECIAL SCHOOL EXPANSION

Phase one strands approved.

58 places phased in from January 2019.

Further 60 places approved from autumn 2019.

Analysis of special school/DSP placement cost commencing before Christmas.

There are agreements to develop DSP's across the city.

DSP visits are currently being booked in with those schools that have applied.

SEND REVIEW

SEND Consulting tasked with looking at the budget/organization and working practices of the central SEND services

Looking within the context of the High Needs Block overspending by £2m each year

Seeking to find ways to provide an effective and efficient service at a lower cost

Report expected late November with a formal consultation process expected to commence in the New Year.

Further information from
Joe.dawson@leicester.gov.uk

TRANSITIONS

Draft Transition strategy and Draft delivery plan produced for consultation.

Purpose to improve the smooth transition from children to adult's services where appropriate and from child hood to adulthood so that Children and Young people have better health outcomes, are engaged in their communities, can live as independently as possible, are engaged in learning / meaningful activity / employment and to ensure they have a voice.

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HIGH NEEDS BLOCK

Government Funding to local government for children and young people with additional needs including but not exclusively SEND

Currently overspending by £2 million per year

Last year, Leicester City received circa £46 million per year but spent £48 million on support for pupils with additional and special educational needs – previously this shortfall has been covered by moving funds from the DSG or from reserves – the reserves will soon be exhausted

There is therefore a need to reduce spend by £2million – Leicester City will examine the efficiency and the effectiveness of its service and is currently undertaking a major consultation programme with its stakeholder as part of this process

Principle focus will be the needs of CYP whilst building sustainable high-quality services for the future

SSIF

Grant funded project work to improve outcomes for SEND pupils in years 6 and 10 in selected city schools

Application being put together to the Education Endowment Fund to build on the SSIF work



WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION

In May, OfSTED and CQC held a joint inspection of the local area. Leicester produced a Written Statement of Action showing how improvements would be made. We will be subject to regular monitoring by the Care Quality Commission and the DfE. View the plan on the Local Offer Website or PDF below.



Written Statement of Action accepted as fit for purpose by Ofsted.

SEND board reconfigured as SEND improvement Board with new membership that monitors the plan and ensure that the required actions are being implemented.

Working very closely with member and partners on the actions stated within the Written Statement of Action.

From November 2018 every child receiving a Statutory Assessment will receive an assessment from social care as part of the process.

Developing new parent and professional portals to enable direct access/ input to EHC plans.

SEND are Prepping for another inspection in 12-18 months.

For further information contact
Azmat.nazim@leicester.gov.uk view WSoA on local offer website link

[Local Offer Live 2019](#)

Local Offer

Continually working to improve and update the website.

Annual Local Offer Live event

- In 2019 being organised by the parent Carer Forum to ensure greater awareness and encourage attendance.
- Booked at The Curve for 23rd January 2019.
- £10K Budget provided by Leicester City Council.

For more information about the Local Offer Live event contact Glenn Sutton-Foley at localofferlive@gmail.com or look on the webpage [Local Offer Live 2019](#)



Leicester WSoA -
Final Version1.pdf

Inclusion

Leicester City currently has circa 2500 children with EHC plans

Leicester City has a higher than national average % of those children in special school placements

Leicester City has a lower than national average children with EHCP in mainstream schools

We are working with schools to determine how we can better support children with EHC plans to be educated in mainstream settings

Task and Finish Group

Considering ways to improve access to professional development for school staff in mainstream schools

Seeking ways to develop across school relationship between mainstream and special school to share and develop best practise

Looking for ways to effectively share expertise

Producing an action plan which will include pilot projects to commence in the spring/summer terms

Group meet 10th December at New Parks House to agree pilot projects

Have commissioned Chris Bruce executive head at Keyham Lodge and Millgate to support the inclusion work

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