

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Supplementary agenda

A meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on:

Date: 3 August 2023

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Meeting Room 9 - Level 3, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham ME4 4TR

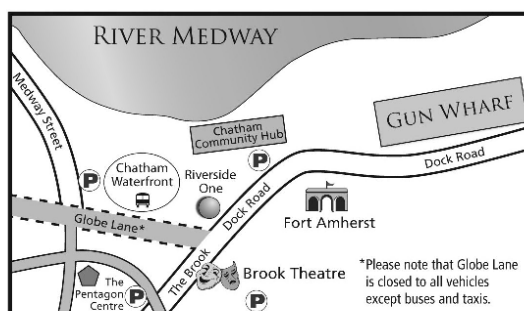
Items

8 Additional Information - Presentation

(Pages
3 - 10)

For further information please contact Stephanie Davis, Democratic Services Officer on Telephone: 01634 332104 or Email: democratic.services@medway.gov.uk

Date: 26 July 2023



This agenda and reports are
available on our website
www.medway.gov.uk

A summary of this information can be made available in other formats from **01634 333333**

Education and SEND Priorities CYP O&S Committee Members

3 August 2023



Joint Area SEND Strategy Ambitions for 2022-25

*Inclusion, Participation,
Aspiration and Achievement*



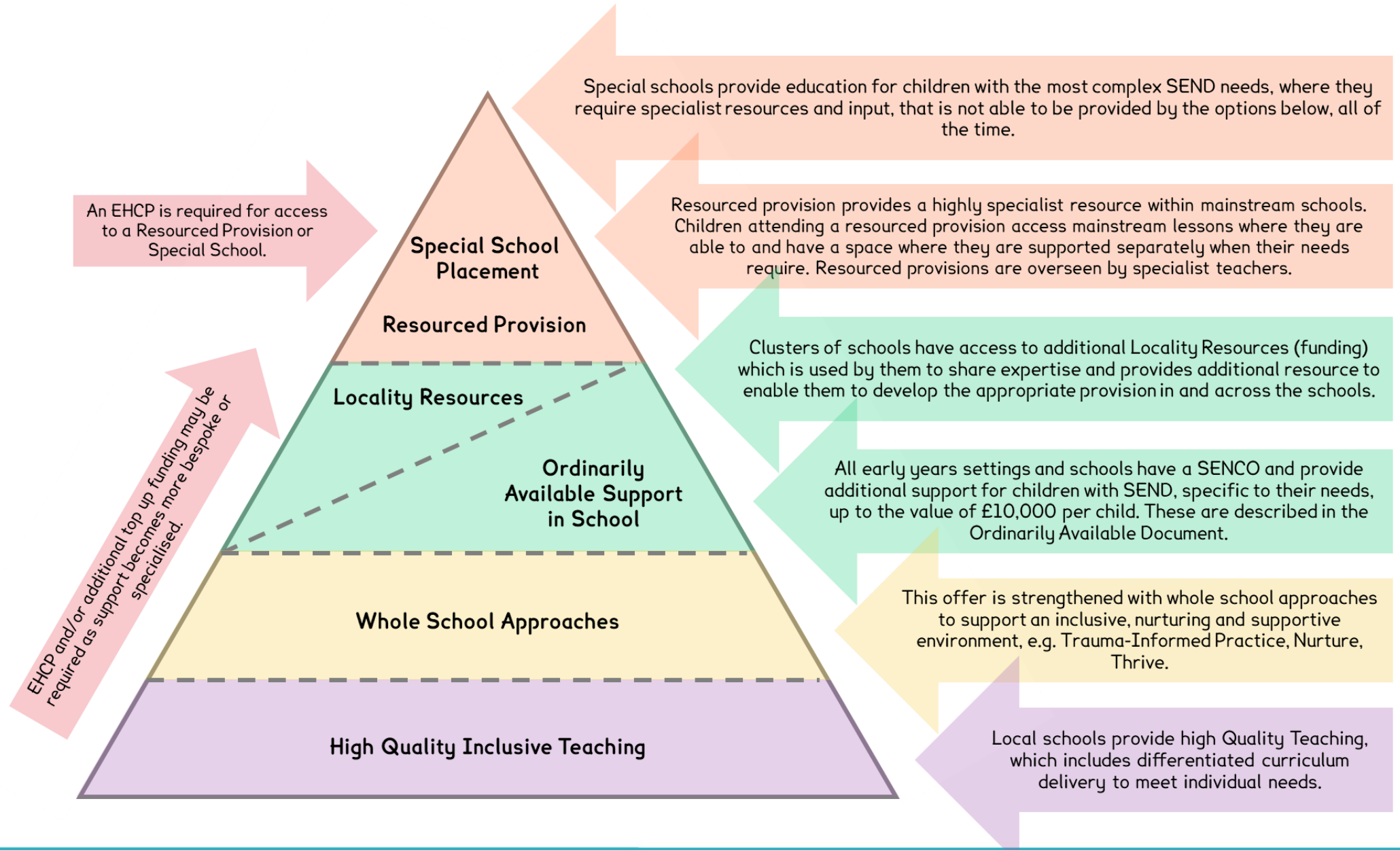
Safety Valve Intervention Plan (SVIP)

5 key areas of focus:

- Appropriately manage the demand for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), ensuring EHCP requests are timely and appropriate and supported by education and health professionals.
- Increase the proportion of children and young people with SEND who receive high quality education and achieve their potential in mainstream schools.
- Ensure the use of appropriate and cost-effective provision.
- Sufficiency of provision
- Sustainability of governance, management and delivery

Access to Provision

9



Appropriately managing the demand for EHCPs, ensuring EHCP requests are timely and appropriate and supported by education and health professionals.

Activities:

- Providing further **training to Early Years providers** in identification and supporting de-escalation and transition planning so that the most complex needs are referred for an EHCP at this age.
- Provide greater support to parents with their applications and SEND enquiries. From January 2024, **Inclusive education teams will be working in the family hubs** and be the direct link with families to support parents navigate the system and access support with their child's education.
- Invest in staffing to improve the annual review and forward planning approaches that work with families to plan progression routes. Linking with CSC and ASC for collaborative working where appropriate.
- Continue to work with Medway Parents and Carers Forum (MPCF) supporting education focused events and provide individual and group advice and guidance.

Increase the proportion of children and young people with SEND who receive high quality education and achieve their potential in mainstream schools.

Activities:

- **Ordinarily Available** outlines the expected support available for all children and young people with SEND in their mainstream schools.
- Provide a **core offer of training** and **bespoke consultancy support** and to embed **whole school approaches** to support inclusion. A Medway wide adoption of **Trauma Informed Practice** has been agreed by the schools.
- Support inclusion by providing more funding into the system through **top ups to the SEN notional budget** for schools with a higher than national proportion of CYP with EHCPs.
- Programme of developing **resourced provisions** in mainstream schools.
- Increase the capacity of Alternative Provision to **support pre-emptive and reintegration activity**, including revolving door and outreach.
 - Outreach work into schools to support behaviour and SEN needs
 - Assessment placements for children arriving in Medway with limited information on support
 - Increased capacity for an outreach reintegration team to support children missing school due to a health need.

Ensure the use of appropriate and cost-effective provision.

Activities:

- Developed a commissioning function to work alongside children's services commissioning. Commissioner Network Group established by Medway with 8 other Local Authorities, to ensure consistency around messaging and agreements to provider uplifts.
- Education Inclusion Lead in partnership commissioning.
- The **National Schools Contract (NSC)** has been amended for Medway and all independent schools.
- Working with KCC partnership commissioning arrangements.
- **Quality Assurance Framework** developed to quality assure providers in terms of school effectiveness and quality of education (in addition to safeguarding, etc).
- Implementing a transparent **banded EHCP funding** system which brings costs for all providers more in line with national averages.
- **Post 16 Review** – 11 recommendations.

Self Evaluation

Performance and Quality

Updated Area SEND Inspection Framework published by Ofsted in January 2023

- What it is like to be a child or young person with SEND in the local area.
- What the local partnership is doing and what needs to be improved.
- Recommendations for improvements that the local partnership should act on.
- Whether any priority action areas have been identified.