

Officer Executive Decisions

Joint Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Strategy 2022-25

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On 18 October 2022, the Cabinet considered a report which sought approval of the Joint SEND Strategy 2022-2025. The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Director of People - Children and Adult Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member), to make minor updates to the Strategy that would be necessary following completion of the Safety Valve Intervention Programme (SVIP) (Decision No. 115/2022 refers).

This report is available on the [Council's website](#).

Decision

Officers within the Education and SEND Division published the final version of the Joint SEND Strategy 2022-25 on the Local Offer website and continue to work with partners, including parents and carers, to develop the SEND Strategy Action Plan.

Reasons for Decision

The Joint SEND Strategy 2022-25 is a joint strategy between Medway Council and NHS Kent and Medway Integrated Care Board (ICB) and brings together the key partners involved in the lives of children and young people to ensure that the vulnerabilities of children and young people with SEND are understood and appropriately supported to keep them safe, healthy, happy, and learning.

The continued development of the SEND Strategy Action Plan required joint planning and commitment across key partners, including coproduction with the Medway Parents and Carers Forum. The SEND Strategy Action Plan will be the mechanism through which the ambitions set out in the Joint SEND Strategy 2022-25 are achieved and will also feed into the evidence and evaluation of Medway's SEND services under the new Inspection Framework.

Date of Decision

13 January 2023

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

None. The Joint SEND Strategy 2022-25 replaces the previous strategy for SEND, developed by Medway Council and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group in 2019.

Conflicts of Interest

None