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| **South West SEND and Inclusion Regional Priorities and Action Plan Highlight Report** |

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| **Date of Report:** | 22/05/2026  |
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| **Reporting period:** | Reporting Period 2 - April to May  |
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| 1. **South West Inclusion/SEND Network Priorities Progress**
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| How much have we done? How well have we done it? What difference has it made?1. **SW RIIA Website** – has been launched to the DCS and strategic SEND leads. A soft launch to other professional groups will follow.
2. **Master Classes – EBSA and Section 19.** Two master classes have been run by the region for the region.
3. **EBSA** – 32 colleagues attended from 12 local area partnerships 92% of respondents to the feedback survey found the presentation very useful and 8% found it useful.
4. **Section 19 –** 43 colleagues attended from 9 local area partnerships. 91% of respondents to the feedback survey found the presentation very useful and 9% found it useful.
5. **Peer Review design workshop** – 10 colleagues met on 14th of March to plan and design the SW SEND regional Reer Collaboration and Peer Challenge (RCPC). This included colleagues from DFE, education, health, care and parent carer forum representation. Key decisions and design principles for the event were established.
6. **SW SEND Strategic Steering Group** – On going collaboration with DFE and key strategic partners to establish and run a key strategic steering group in the region. This group will include education setting colleagues as well as health and care colleagues. Expressions of interest for the roles were sent out to the region and letters of appointment have been sent out to core convening, ordinary and occasional members. A launch event for the core convening members is planned for the 8th of July at Taunton racecourse. This group will hold and monitor strategic developments in the region.
7. **SW SEND Operational Steering Group** – Following the development of the SW SEND Strategic Steering Group the operational steering group is undergoing transformation to align. The operational steering group will decide on topics for master classes, organise the conference and working groups that develop from the regional plan.
8. **Local Offer** – work continues to refine and document the support offers available to local area partnerships.
9. **Legal training**- a bid has been submitted to the RIIA for funding to have legal training 4 times across the year from a law firm experienced in SEND law.
10. **SEND Leadership pipeline** – work has been on going to think about how we can develop SEND leaders for the future. We have secured funding to work with the staff college for 1 year leadership training and development programme for 25 colleagues from across education, health and care. At least one space available for each local area and ICB with 3 additional spaces for PCF representatives. The course will start in the next academic year.
11. **Case officer network** – the first case officer network was held in May and has identified induction, recruitment and retention and knowledge of the law as key areas of focus.
12. **Regional Collaboration and Peer review (RCPC)** – the event is booked for the 21st of June a venue has been secured and section 14 DFE funding for the event. Guidance and templates have been produced and 14 out of the 15 local area partnerships have confirmed their attendance. Themes for the regional plan will be identified through the peer challenge.
13. **Change Programme Partnership** – Information will start to be shared in July through CDC events on the findings of the testing for the SEND and AP Change programme.
14. **Regional Project Officer** – Has been in post since January 2024 and had had a significant impact on the capacity available to support SEND work in the region. Feeback about this role is overwhelmingly positive.
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| 1. **Programme Activities Planned for April to June**
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| **April*** 09 04 2024 SEND Peer Network huddle – 10 local areas represented.
* 16 04 2024 Designated Social Care Officer Network – 4 local areas 6 attendees.
* 29 04 2024 Alternative Learning Provision Network – 10 local areas 13 attendees

**May*** 01 05 2024 PA Network meeting – 8 local areas 11 attendees.
* 13 05 2024 Operational Steering Group – 8 attendees from PCF, Health, NAPEP, LAP.
* 14 05 2024 SEND Peer Network huddle – 6 local areas represented.
* 21 05 2024 Lead SEND Case Officer Network – 8 local areas represented, 16 attendees.
* 23 05 2024 How does SEND mediation work? – TBC.

**June** * 11 06 2024 SEND Peer Network Huddle
* 17 06 2024 Oake Manor Peer Network Event – Dorset inspection findings, SENDIASS, DFE update and part two of Ordinarily Available Provision TBC.
* 2106 2024 SW SEND regional collaboration and peer challenge (SW SEND RCPC). 14 out of 15 local area partnerships booked in. All ICB represented and 7 PCF represented. -
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| 1. **3 Key messages for networks**
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| Message 1: RCPC support for 21st of June is available if required. Message 2: New strategic SEND arrangements will be in place from July – a reflection that the regional system is maturing. Message 3: Change Programme Partnership initial findings from July 2024. |