

SEND Reforms Regional Network

East of England Peer Support Group, 2017-18

Bedford, Cambridgeshire, Central Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Luton, Norfolk, Peterborough, Suffolk, Thurrock, Southend-on-Sea.

Message from regional lead

I wish you all well for the new academic year, and hope you had a good summer break. We have a full and exciting programme of activities confirmed and in the planning for 2017-18.

Following our successful annual conference in May, the governance group has developed a delivery plan based on the priorities agreed at that conference, as well as other feedback from all stakeholders in the region.

We will not be circulating the detailed delivery plan to everyone, but it is available on the regional website should you wish to consult it. <https://www.rixwiki.org/gbr/home/east-of-england-send-peer-network/delivery-plan/>. The delivery plan will be reviewed and updated by the governance group at its regular meetings over the next two terms.

The current calendar of activities from the delivery plan follows at the end of this newsletter so that you can put any dates of interest in your diary. The calendar also contains video clips for some of events which provides further information. Each event will have a flyer which will be circulated to everyone on the regular email contact list; again, copies of the flyer are on the website if you or anyone in your service/ network wishes to see them at any point.

A key date for your diaries is the next annual conference: **Thursday 22nd March 2018** (venue to be confirmed). This event will be an opportunity to hear about the main activities and successes from this year. At that conference we will also look ahead to how you want the regional peer network to develop and sustain itself from April 2018, when it is expected that the DfE grant and support from national partners will come to an end. If you can only make one event over the next two terms, please make this a priority.



Next East of England regional workshops:

2nd October in Stevenage

EHCP peer moderation workshop: peer review session evaluating sample EHCPs provided by participating LAs

12th October in Cambridge

[Establishing a regional PfA group](#) for all stakeholders involved in developing pathways for preparing for adulthood

15th November in Stevenage

[DfE/ IPSEA SEND Decision Making and the Law in relation to the Children and Families Act 2014 workshop](#). The

purpose of the workshop is to assist education, health and social care colleagues in interpreting and applying the legal requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014 to some of the key decision points. It will highlight key elements of the legislation, illustrated with practical examples while also providing an opportunity for open discussion and problem-solving. Please book on here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/East-of-England>

11th December in Stevenage

Joint Commissioning - Early Years action learning set (session 2) focusing on improving access and inclusion in the early year, identifying key regional barriers and celebrating local and regional successes

(NB this event is a follow-up for those LA areas attending the first session in July. For those LA areas who could not attend in July and wish to be involved, there will be a catch up online and at an event in January 2018).

22 March 2018 - annual conference, venue tbc

More details of the above events can be found in the separate flyers on the wiki website

The agreed key areas for the region to work on this year are:

- **SEN Support** so that more schools have the confidence and expertise to meet the needs of local pupils through their normal arrangements
- **Preparing for Adulthood** so that there is more timely and effective progression from school to college, and to employment/adult life

These two priority areas will be delivered and underpinned by the continued development of three important 'cross-cutting' themes/approaches:

- **integrated working between services**
- **participation of parents and young people**
- **peer review activities**

There will be regional events covering these areas and themes over the next two terms; some are already in the calendar and others will be added over the next few months. For SEN support in schools, there will be materials and resources available to support activity in your local area, including a DVD of the regional workshop earlier in the year.

In the autumn term we will be developing a peer review and challenge model which draws on reviewers from parent carer forums, health, social care and education. We hope that this will be available from spring term 2018 onwards, which might be of interest to any local authority area planning to have a multiagency peer review of their services and provision.

As well as scheduled events for the region, there is support available for individual local areas, or for two or three neighbouring local areas, to work together on one of those priority areas or themes. This support could take the form of small financial contribution, e.g. for venue costs for an SEN support workshop for schools and partners on using the audit tool, and/or facilitation from one of the national partners, e.g. from the Council for Disabled Children on integrated working.

The governance group will be meeting again on 17th October which will include an update from national delivery partners. Do let me or a member of the governance group (list of members available on the website) know if there are any issues you would like us to discuss, such as an activity you would like to see included in the delivery plan and calendar.

Please continue to feed back to your sector lead contacts/representatives on how the network can be most useful to you in the future. I hope to see many of you at the regional peer network's annual conference next March, if not before at another event.

Debbie Orton, Hertfordshire

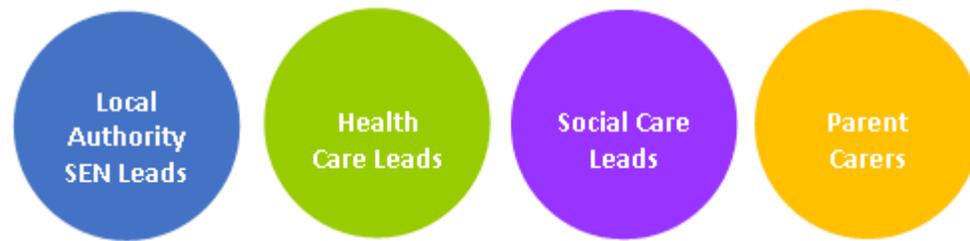
Chair of the governance group

September 2017



Eastern SEND Regional Network (2017-18): Calendar of Events

Below is the current calendar of activities from the delivery plan. Each event will have a flyer which will be circulated to everyone on the regular regional contact list; copies of the flyers are on the website <https://www.rixwiki.org/gbr/home/east-of-england-send-peer-network> if you or anyone in your service/ network wishes to see them at any point. The target audiences for events are also included below, however, this is at a broad level and a number of events require more specific colleagues within the categories, for a more detailed description of the target audiences, please refer to the flyers shared prior to the events.



Q1 <i>Apr-June 2017</i>	Q2 <i>Jul-Sept 2017</i>	Q3 <i>Oct-Dec 2017</i>	Q4 <i>Jan-Mar 2018</i>
<p>Thursday 4th May Peer Network Governance Group Farnham House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>Monday 10th July Joint Commissioning - CDC Improving access and inclusion in the early years - workshop 1 Robertson House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>Monday 2nd October Peer Review - Mott EHCP workshop Farnham House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>Tuesday 16th January Peer Network Governance Group Farnham House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 

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<p>Monday 12th June Peer Review – Mott MacDonald EHCP workshop Longfield Training Centre, Hitchin Rd, Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 4AE</p> 	<p>Monday 11th September Joint Commissioning - CDC Joint working for quality improvement: from inspection into action Robertson House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>Tuesday 17th October Peer Network Governance Group and Team Around the Region Farnham House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>February TBC High needs funding seminar Location TBC</p> 
		<p>Wednesday 15th November 2017 DfE/IPSEA <u>SEND Decision Making and the Law</u> Robertson House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 	<p>Thursday 8th March Peer Network Governance Group Farnham House, 6 Six Hills Way, Stevenage, SG1 2FQ</p> 
		<p>Wednesday 29th November Peer Review – Mott MacDonald/PfA Local offer peer review workshop Location TBC</p> 	<p>Thursday 22nd March 2018 SEND Peer Network Annual Conference Location TBC</p> 

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		<p align="center"> TBC Preparing for Adulthood – NDTi Post-16 school and college providers Locations TBC  </p>	

22nd March 2018 - East of England SEND Regional Peer Network Annual Conference

The annual conference will cover:

- Highlights from 2017/18,
- Agreeing regional priorities for 2018/19

