

Amendments to Local Area SEND Strategy Following Consultation

This document to be read alongside 'SEND draft strategy 2022-2027'

Page Number	Amendment
Header	Remove 'draft'
1	Remove 'draft' and the 'have your say' balloon
2	<p>Remove all text and replace with</p> <p>"Foreword</p> <p>This strategy is for Oxfordshire children and young people aged 0 – 25 years who have Special Educational Needs or/and Disability (SEND), their families and the professionals who work together with them.</p> <p>This document sits alongside our Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which in turn is informed by our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It was produced by the SEND Strategy Development Group, with representatives from Oxfordshire County Council (education and social care), NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, education settings and Oxfordshire Parent Carers Forum.</p> <p>This strategy is set within the national context and our statutory requirement to meet the needs of children and young people with SEND under the requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014. It is also informed by our local context, which sees rising numbers of children who have a range of complex needs and the requirement to provide high quality, ambitious and responsive services within the national funding provided.</p> <p>We consulted on the draft strategy from 10th January to 10th March 2022 with published materials, Easy Read versions and some adapted materials prepared by sixth form students at one of our Oxfordshire special schools. The consultation focused on the five strategic objectives set out in the draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving outcomes for children with SEND • Developing a continuum of local provision to meet the requirements of children and young people with SEND • Good physical and mental health and wellbeing • Improving post-16 education, learning, employment and training • Positive move into adulthood for young people with SEND <p>During the consultation period, seven independently chaired roadshows were held, two of which were adapted specifically for children and young people. Given the restrictions resulting from the pandemic, the events were held online with over 200 people attending.</p> <p>There were 866 responses to the consultation with over 90% support from parents and professionals for the new SEND Strategy objectives, resulting in no changes proposed to the five strategic objectives.</p> <p>We recognise that we did not explicitly state within the Strategy that co-production is at the heart of everything we do and central to moving forward with the implementation of this strategy. As a result, the Strategy has been amended to include reference to co-production.</p>

	<p>The local area recognises that it still has work to do to ensure that children, young people and their families have confidence in the robustness of proposals to implement and embed positive change. This will best be achieved with full involvement of children, young people and their families/carers.</p> <p>Feedback confirmed the objectives as a positive framework for improving SEND provision and outcomes for children. There was significant interest in the implementation plans. Other themes included lack of resources and the need for staff training. These issues will inform the implementation plans.</p> <p>Implementation plans will take into account parental feedback, will be developed in co-production, and remain consistent with the strategic objectives. In addition, impact measures for the Local Area SEND Strategy are in development in order to help us to monitor our progress.</p> <p>This is our shared Local Area SEND Strategy and it will require meaningful commitment from commissioners and service providers to work co-productively and in equal partnership with families, children and young people. We are committed to building those partnerships and ensuring that Oxfordshire becomes a beacon of SEND success.”</p>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove ‘draft’ • Replace ‘co-design and co-responsibility’ with ‘co-production’ • Insert the following between paragraph ending “...we will know it is working” and paragraph starting “This strategy will be reviewed annually so that we...” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “When we use co-production, we involve all the relevant people in the design, delivery and evaluation of services and in decisions that affect them. This gives people control over their own lives and can provide the community with a sense of collective ownership. It helps people thrive and feel a sense of place and belonging and ultimately leads to better lives for everyone.” • Insert EasyRead version to replace text