

Developing and sustaining effective local SEND systems

Regional workshops focused on fostering effective partnership working and joint commissioning across education, health and care

We would like to invite partners from local areas to a regional workshop on developing and sustaining effective partnership working and joint commissioning across education, health and care services in local SEND systems

We would like to invite leaders from local areas representing education, health and care services to attend one of a series of regional workshops on developing and sustaining effective practice in partnership working and joint commissioning within local SEND systems. These workshops will build on the series of Local Government Association workshops, facilitated by Isos, that ran in the summer of 2018, which informed the publication, [Developing and sustaining an effective local SEND system](#). We anticipate that these workshops will be of interest to and attended by colleagues with responsibility for education and inclusion, children's services, adult services and a range of local health services for children with additional needs, as well as elected members of local councils.

What will the workshops cover?

In the previous round of regional SEND good practice workshops that ran in 2018, Isos colleagues collected a wide range of perspectives about what makes for an effective local SEND system, as well as many examples of good practice. These formed the basis of the publication, [Developing and sustaining an effective local SEND system](#). One of the six key themes in that document was partnership working and joint commissioning across education, health and care. The outcomes of several recent local area SEND inspections suggest this continues to be an area in which local SEND systems are seeking to strengthen. This is a particular focus of the new SEND System Leadership Board, chaired by Christine Lenehan, of which the Local Government Association is a member.

Each workshop will provide opportunities for colleagues to:

- reflect on the strengths and areas for development around partnership working and joint commissioning within their own local area;
- hear about examples of effective practice and new ideas from other local areas;
- help to define a set of key practical messages for developing and sustaining effective partnership working and joint commissioning; and
- contribute to shaping key findings about what is needed at local, regional and national level to strengthen partnership working and joint commissioning.

Who should attend?

The workshops are for colleagues from across education, health and care in local SEND systems. This includes strategic leaders and heads of service for SEND and inclusion, children’s social care, adult services and local health services, as well as elected members for local councils. The sessions have been designed to allow partners from a local area to reflect on the strength of their partnership working together. As such, we would very much encourage colleagues to attend a workshop as part of a small “team” from a local area. This could, for example, include:

- the Head of Service for SEND;
- the Designated Clinical / Medical Officer;
- a strategic lead for children’s social care for children with SEND;
- a strategic lead for adult care for young adults with SEND; and
- the elected member or members for the Council with corresponding responsibilities.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please book your place as soon as possible.

When and where will the workshops take place?

We will run six regional workshops during October and November 2019. We hope these allow colleagues to attend a workshop that is close to their local area. If you are not able to attend the workshop in your region, you are welcome to attend one of the other workshops. **All workshops will open at 09.30 (for a 10.00 start) and will finish at 14.00.**

Workshops
The Midlands – Monday 14 October, at The Studio , 7 Cannon Street, Birmingham , B2 5EP.
The North-West – Tuesday 15 October, at etc.venues , 11 Portland Street, Manchester , M1 3HU.
Yorkshire & The Humber – Wednesday 16 October, at The Principal York , Station Road, York , YO24 1AA.
The North-East – Thursday 17 October – Life Meetings and Events , International Centre for Life, Times Square, Newcastle upon Tyne , NE1 4EP.
London and the South-East – Monday 11 November, at Bevin Hall, Local Government Association, 18 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3HZ.
The South-West – Tuesday 12 November, at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel , Radcliffe Way, Bristol , BS1 6NJ.

The workshops will be free to attend. Materials, refreshments and lunch will be provided.

If I want to attend, what do I need to do?

If you would like to book a place to attend one of the workshops, please email Karen Denyer (Karen.Denyer@local.gov.uk) at the LGA. If you could let us know the names, roles and email addresses of the colleagues attending the workshop, that would be very much appreciated.