

SEND Group: Scoping Meeting with Strategic Director of Children and Families

15 July 2022

Attendees

- 1) Councillor Ainsley
- 2) Councillor P Browne
- 3) Councillor Payne
- 4) Dawn Godfrey, Strategic Director Children & Families
- 5) Jane Narey, Scrutiny Officer

Apologies

- 6) Councillor Baines
- 7) Councillor Begy
- 8) Councillor Webb

- The SEND Service currently had 283 children with Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP).
- 20 children were currently being assessed for a EHCP.
- Age group 0-25 years though work with Adult Services began when the young person turned 19 years of age.
- Children with physical or health needs only accounted for a small number of SEND children.
- The biggest group of children were those with autism or social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. This group was increasing as an effect of the pandemic and lockdown.
- Rutland has no special schools.
- Engagement work with SEND parents continued and was being well received. Feedback from parents was very positive.

- The Director confirmed that Council reserves were not funding the SEND deficit.
- SEND service will have big changes over the next 12-18 months including:
 - Proposed [SEND Green Paper](#)
 - New [OfSTED SEND inspection framework](#)
 - RCC's Delivering Better Value Programme
- The SEND Peer Review will be held on the 21st and 22nd September 2022.
- Key lines of enquiry will be the service's readiness for changes outlined in the Green Paper and its readiness for the new OfSTED SEND inspection framework.
- The Director would like SOSC to be involved in the SEND Peer Review, possibly shadowing the process and feedback when any meeting was held with SEND parents.
- Compilation of the timetable for the 2-day review would begin on the 1st August 2022.

ACTION

- a) SEND Group to decide if they would like to be involved in the SEND Peer Review or wait until 2023 when the new SEND guidance had been finalised and implemented.