

TITLE OF REPORT: SEND Review: Right Support Right Place Right Time

Purpose of the Report

1. To bring Schools Forum's attention the recent consultation on special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP).

Background

2. On 29 March the Government published the SEND Review: right support right place right time which was a consultation on SEND and AP in England. The consultation set out proposed reforms to the SEND and AP system that seek to address three key challenges:
 - poor outcomes for children and young people with SEN or in alternative provision
 - navigating the SEND system and alternative provision is not a positive experience for children, young people, and their families and;
 - despite unprecedented investment, the system is not delivering value for money for children, young people and families.
3. The consultation closed 1 July 2022, but below is a link to the consultation documents.
[SEND Review - right support, right place, right time - government consultation on the SEND and alternative provision system in England \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/government/consultations/2022/03/29/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time)
4. The proposals in the document are very ambitious and aim to make the system better for children parents and carers, have better outcomes for children and make the system sustainable for local authorities (LA).
5. There are no direct financial implications for Gateshead at this moment in time, but as the reforms progress a watching brief will need to be applied to ensure that Gateshead can plan as far as possible for any future changes that will impact on funding to both the LA, our schools and the wider sector needed to meet the needs of our young people.

Proposal

6. It is proposed that Schools Forum notes the content of this report and that further reports will be brought to Schools Forum when additional information is available.

Recommendations

7. It is recommended that Schools Forum notes the content of this report.

For the following reasons:

- To ensure that Schools Forum is informed of any changes that will impact on the funding and provision for SEND and AP for Gateshead young people.

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