

East Midlands

Regional Hub of Effective Practice in SEN/LDD

This is an East Midlands initiative for Local Authorities which will enable us to continue to work together to improve the lives of children and young people with SEN/LDD and their families. This newsletter is to update you on progress to ensure that everyone is kept up to date with Hub activities and outcomes.

In this Newsletter - 09/10 Programme Plan • Update on 4 work strands • Cycle of Meetings

The 09/10 Regional Hubs programme will continue to develop the 2008/09 programme. To maintain continuity of organisation, Regional SEN Hubs will deliver 3 national strands of activity.

These will relate directly to the following aims set down in the National Strategies SEN/LDD Annual Plan for 09/10:

- **Aim B:** To support the development of skills within the workforce, implement phases 1 and 2 of the Inclusion Development Programme (Dyslexia/SLCN, ASD and produce phase 3 (BESD))
- **Aim C:** To improve the monitoring and evaluation of outcomes by schools and LAs in the context of the DCSF's progression target setting guidance and Making Good Progress pilots
- **Aim D:** To further improve parental confidence in the SEN system
- **Aim E:** To develop, implement and evaluate a pilot programme that will improve rates of progress and outcomes for pupils with SEN/LDD and through structured liaison meetings will enable parents to have confidence in their children's education (The Achievement for All project)
- **Aim F:** Working with a national partner and Care Services Improvement Partnership support the implementation of the Transition Support Programme for young people with disabilities aged 14-19

Strand 1 Inclusion Development Programme – Update

The second phase of the IDP, the ASD module, is now complete and available on the National Strategies website at the following links:

EYFS Inclusion Development Programme (IDP):
Supporting children on the autism spectrum

www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/nationalstrategies/node/168117

Primary and Secondary Inclusion Development Programme (IDP): Supporting pupils on the autism spectrum

www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/nationalstrategies/node/165037

There is a simple URL to the IDP content on the National Strategies area of the Standards site

www.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/nationalstrategies/idp

The East Midlands Regional Hub will continue to support LAs in developing models of implementation.

After a splendid first year of leadership by Northants LA, this strand leadership now moves to Nottinghamshire LA in year 2 of our work programme.

The new Regional IDP Strand Lead is Linda Lyn-Cook who can be contacted at: linda.lyn-cook@nottscg.gov.uk

Strand 2 Narrowing attainment gaps, progression and evaluating progress - Update

This strand will build upon the following three initiatives which were launched in 2008/09:

- The dissemination of the Audit Commission/NS Value for Money resource to schools
- The dissemination, application and development of the Progression Guidance materials for children and young people with SEN/LDD
- The consolidation of SEN and School Improvement consultant networks to help promote the above initiatives and develop and apply other approaches to help narrow the attainment gaps between pupils with SEN and their peers

It will also link this work with a major new project – Achievement for All which has recently been launched in 10 pilot LAs across the country. The East Midlands pilot authority is Nottinghamshire.

The East Midlands Regional Progression lead is Jackie Hibbert who can be contacted at: jkhibbert@leics.gov.uk

Strand 3 Developing a flexible range of provision – Update

There are three areas of work under the umbrella of this strand for 09/10

- To increase the confidence of parents in the operation of the SEN system by supporting LAs to self-evaluate their compliance with the SEN framework and schools' compliance with their duty to have a Disability Equality Scheme
- To disseminate and support regional LAs in applying the emerging guidance on provision development and the application of the SEN Improvement Test
- To provide regional support to the implementation of the Transition Support Programme

The East Midlands Regional Provision lead is Charlie Palmer who can be contacted at: cpalmer@leics.gov.uk

We will manage the Transition Support Programme as a 'strand within a strand', and have appointed Leicester City LA to lead the TSP work. The Strand leaders will be Pat Taylor and Suzie O'Hagan from Leicester City, they can be contacted at: patricia.taylor@leicester.gov.uk and suzie.o'hagan@leicester.gov.uk

Strand 4 Regional Strand - Update

The East Midlands has agreed an approach which provides briefings and updates for LAs on relevant themes affecting the provision of services to children with SEN/LDD. We intend to further develop parental confidence and information with our regional Parent Partnership Services in 2009/10.

Cycle of Meetings

Regional Steering Group

Monday 13th July 2009, 14.00 to 16.00 • Monday 28th September 2009, 10.00 to 12.00
Monday 11th January 2010, 14.00 to 16.00
All meetings at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth, Leicester

Regional IDP Group

Monday 28th September 2009, 10.00 to 12.30 Pera Centre, Melton

Regional Progression Group

Thursday 8th October 2009, 9.30 to 12.30 Beaumanor Hall, Woodhouse Eaves, Leics

Friday 16th October 2009, 9.30 to 16.00, Joining the dots.. narrowing the gap event, Brooksby Hall, Melton, Leicester

Regional Provision Group

Monday 21st September 2009, 9.30 to 12.30 • Monday 14th December 2009, 9.30 to 12.30
Monday 8th February 2010, 9.30 to 12.30 • Monday 17th May 2010, 9.30 to 12.30
All meetings at the Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth

The Regional Hub Co-ordinator is Pat Bullen // t: 07702 358506 // e: pbullen@leics.gov.uk