

Birmingham SEND and Alternative Provision Partnership Board (SAPPB)

Terms of reference (Final draft June 2024)

Context

In May 2021, Birmingham received its Local Area SEND Revisit. The inspection team found that since 2018 insufficient progress had been made in twelve of the thirteen areas of weakness identified in the initial inspection. In particular, the inspectors identified that the experience of children and families moving through the system is not yet good enough and that the SEND strategy then being pursued was not fit for purpose. Following this, all partner organisations committed to lead and deliver significant and long-lasting change, redesigning the SEND system around the needs of children and families so that they are enabled to thrive.

The Secretary of State for Education issued a statutory direction to Birmingham City Council (BCC)

Purpose

Creating a sustainable SEND and Alternative Provision system in Birmingham that is both

Ensure Birmingham's partners are systematically working together, sharing and utilising their expertise, data and intelligence in the co-design and delivery of solutions to achieve the local vision and improve outcomes.

Membership (to be confirmed with Chair and reviewed as a minimum every 18 months)

Chair

DfE SEND Commissioner

Vice Chair

BCC Director for Children and Families

Members*

NHS England Adviser to Birmingham

DfE SEND Adviser to Birmingham

Director of Public Health (Birmingham)

Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families

Birmingham Children's Trust (BCT) Chief Executive

BCC Director of Adult Social Care (or senior representative)

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