



Statutory Officers Report for Health and Wellbeing Board

Corporate Director of People

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'Opportunity for All' – Education White Paper

On 28th March, the Government published its first Schools White Paper in six years.

'Opportunity for All' sets out the Government's long-term vision for a school system that helps every child to fulfil their potential by ensuring that they receive the right support, in the right place, at the right time.

This will be achieved by ensuring:

- an excellent teacher for every child
- high standards of curriculum, behaviour and attendance
- targeted support for every child who needs it
- a stronger and fairer school system

The aim for literacy and numeracy is that by 2030, **90% of primary school children** will achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by a third.

The aim at secondary is for the national GCSE average grade in both English language and in maths increases from **4.5 in 2019 to 5 by 2030**.

The Education Secretary pledged that any child who falls behind in maths or English will get the support they need to get back on track. Schools will identify children who need help, provide targeted support via a range of proven methods such as small group tuition, and keep parents informed about their child's progress.

Nottingham has been announced as one of the 24 priority areas, among the 55 disadvantaged 'education investment areas' to address particular needs.

The policies will be delivered in close alignment with the findings of the SEND review.

'Right support, right place, right time' - SEND Green Paper

On 29 March the Government published the SEND Review: Right support, right place, right time, a consultation on the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision system in England.

The consultation sets out proposed reforms to the SEND and alternative provision (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.

The government commissioned the SEND Review in September 2019 as a response to the widespread recognition that the system was failing to deliver improved outcomes for children and young people, that parental and provider confidence was in decline, and, that despite substantial additional investment, the system had become financially unsustainable. The Review has sought to understand what was creating these challenges and set out a plan to deliver improved outcomes, restore parents' and carers' confidence and secure financial sustainability.

As of 2020/21 in the state-funded education system in England, 15.8% of all school pupils (1.4 million) were identified with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

The consultation closes at 11:45pm on 1 July 2022 and is open to:

- children and young people
- parents and carers
- those who advocate and work with the SEND sector
- local and national system leaders

Adult Social Care

Deputyship Assurance Visit

The Adult Social Care Deputyship Team manage the finances, property and affairs of over 175 Nottingham citizens who are unable to do this themselves and do not have anyone other than the Local Authority to undertake this role for them. They undertake a vital role in safeguarding some of our most vulnerable citizens and ensuring financial wellbeing.

The team have to meet strict requirements and standards required by the Office of the Public Guardian who use assurance visits as a means of supervising public authority deputies and ensuring standards are met. Assurance visits look at specific cases selected for review and also at how a deputy ensures the proper management and administration of their deputyship caseload.

The team were recently audited by the OPG and we have now received our feedback. This emphasised that the Deputy's systems and review documents are extremely well organised. Consistent praise was provided from the Deputyship clients and their placements in regard to communication with the Deputyship Team. The report concluded with 'It is clear that the Deputyship team is dedicated to their Clients and ensuring all their needs are met'.

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