

## Local Area SEND Strategic Board Update

### January 2022

Please find below key highlights and positives discussed at our last SEND Strategic Board held in December 2021.

#### Key Highlights/ Positives

- 1. Performance Overview:** The board received a project overview against the delivery of our Local Area SEND Strategy. We have six work streams focusing on the delivery of our strategy. All areas are on track and we are making some good progress to help improve outcomes for our children and young people.
- 2. Outcomes Booklet:** A data booklet will be developed and used to support improving outcomes through reviewing trends and challenging assumptions. Using our data to inform future actions and decision making is a key priority for the Strategic Board.
- 3. SEND Sufficiency:** A presentation was delivered which looks at our current availability of school placements and assesses how our future need will be met. One of the proposals is for Middlesbrough Council to work with mainstream schools to introduce early intervention and support to help increase the number of SEND mainstream school placements available.
- 4. Board Development Session:** The SEND Strategic Board is made up of a mix of organisations who all influence the lives of children and young people with an SEND need. A number of new members have joined the board recently and it was agreed that a member development session would be beneficial to help improve the collective function of the group. The session allowed members to get to know each other better, refresh their knowledge on some of the important areas of SEND, and to challenge themselves and others on what the role of the board should be.

For further information on what is available across the local area please see our local offer at

[www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/localoffer)

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