

# West Northamptonshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and Alternate Provision Partnership Improvement Board (SAPPIB) Meeting Summary

26 February 2026

## **Item 1: Minutes and Action Log**

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved with no changes. Action log updated.
- The early help and support whilst waiting offer has been fully updated on the Local Offer. Details have been shared with practitioners and updates also have been posted on social media. The partnership will continue work to identify children, young people, and families who would benefit from targeted communications over the coming months.
- Co-production with 48U is being reviewed.

## **Item 2: Update from West Northants Voices in Partnership (WNVP)**

### **Parent Feedback**

- Parents say caseworker updates are sometimes inconsistent. Training will be given to staff to improve the service.
- Concerns about Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) are already being fixed.
- Board agreed summarised meeting notes remain public as they are appropriate.

### **Annual Survey 2025**

- About 130 responses were received. Main themes are about feeling safe outside of the house (school and community), and a sense of belonging. Results will help shape the new SEND Strategy.

## **Item 3: Review of workstreams**

### **Partnership and Leadership Workstream**

- Overall project rating changed from green to amber due to challenges and delays in progress for co-production with children and young people.
- Waiting list data will be updated in March.
- A short-term workforce plan (6-month) will be created alongside with long-term one.
- A new SEND data dashboard was presented, and improvements were requested. Revised dashboard will be presented in March.

### **Right Support, Right Place, Right Time Workstream**

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) waiting times are improving.
- A Digital Front Door will go live in June 2026.
- Speech, Language, and Communication Needs (SLCN) will be communicated more clearly to parents and families.

### **Timeliness & Quality of Assessment and EHCPs**

- New Annual Review guidance has been published with strong collaboration with schools.
- Some delays remain due to staffing changes.
- There are some issues on data reporting system which will be fixed by March.

### **Transitions and Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) Workstream**

- Data for PfA is now clearer, but more information about community activities is still needed.
- More work will be done to include views from young people with different needs.

### **Item 4: Inspection Preparation & The SEND White Paper**

- Inspection planning is underway with multi-agency partners.
- Board will help provide clear information about the new national SEND White Paper and consultation to public.
- The new SEND Strategy will follow a year-long timeline including consultation and workshops. Final approval by Cabinet is scheduled for December 2026.

### **Item 5: Key Messages and Reflection**

Strong progress on the data dashboard. A breakthrough was made in prioritising waiting lists.