

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

18 December 2025

Item 1: Minutes and Action Log

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with no changes. The action log was updated.

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

Parents shared concerns on Padlet about:

- Parents are worried about some schools not supporting children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs). The schools will be contacted for discussions.
- There were concerns about safety and quality at some providers. The council said they are being checked and monitored. Parents want better communication and trust in the SEND system.

Item 3: Review of Workstreams

Partnership and Leadership Workstream

- Sharing data between services is improving.
- A new communication plan for Local Offer refresh is being develop to help families know what support is available.

Transitions and Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Workstream

- Transitions guidance for schools and services will be ready by April 2026.
- Data about young people aged 18–25 is still in process of improvement with health partners to form the metrics of workstream performance.

'Right Support, Right Place, Right Time' Workstream

- Speech and Language Therapy (SALT): More staff have been hired.
- Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAMHS): Waiting times are getting shorter, but some families stop engaging.
- ASD/ADHD Pathway: Need more clarity on ADHD referral process and missing referrals from Northampton General Hospital (NGH).
- Changes in health systems could cause delays in service delivery.

Timeliness & Quality of Assessment and EHCPs Workstream

- Monitoring and audits show that the quality of EHCPs is improving.
- Quality Assurance (QA) process is in place with some issues found and addressed.
- A new IT system for EHCP management starts in January. There might be data issues, but plans are in place.

Item 4: Priority Action Plan (PAP)

- A refreshed action plan will be shared in January meeting with updated actions, timelines, and goals.

Item 5: Self Evaluation Framework (SEF)

- A final version of SEF will be finished by January for the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) meetings in February.

Item 6: Intervention Support Fund (ISF)

- A The Department for Education (DfE) approved an increase in the ISF.
- The extra money must be spent by 31 March 2026, although delivery can continue a little longer if there is proof of progress.

Item 7: Forward Plan for January Meeting

- Attendance of 48U group to share their experience of SEND in schools
- SEF finalisation
- Update on PAP

- Presentation of data dashboard
- Update on communication plan and Local Offer
- Update on health service recommissioning
- Update on workstream outcomes