

SEND Forum: LA Updates

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TO SCHOOL

SEND System

- Challenging
- Complex
- Hard Work
- Legislative Framework
- Early Identification, Intervention, & Assessment
- SEN Support & EHC plans
- Local Authority / Settings Responsibility
- Some report it is broken

We're in it together!

Opportunities: Innovation, Collaboration, Policy Development



LA Updates

- LA / SEND Senior Structure:
- John Greg Executive Director,
- Carrie Traill,
- James Bird HoS SEND and Inclusion
- Alison Toulson Principal EP
- Katie Barnett Head of SAMS
- Jason Wing Head of Behaviour and Inclusion
- Gemma Mead LASS Manager
- Claire Nunn Manager of AATS
- Ben Hotchkin Manager of SaPS
- Sarah Bernard Manager of Portage



LA Updates

- SEND Sufficiency
 - Working Group
- Nenegate Expansion
 - 40 Addition Places
- Workforce Development
- Early Identification and Intervention, & Local OAIP Support Document
- Accelerated Progress Plan
- Ofsted Thematic Reviews SEND & Out of School
- Local Area OFSTED Inspection



Any Questions

