

# SEND Board Meeting

Date: 29 January 2026

This summary provides an overview of key discussions and decisions from the January SEND Board. Its purpose is to update families, professionals, and wider partners on local SEND developments.

## SEND Performance and Scorecard

The Board reviewed the latest SEND Scorecard, which includes 43 measures. Thirteen were identified as exceptions, highlighting areas needing improvement, including early years outcomes and some KS4 performance measures. Ten measures were highlighted as areas of strength, showing Stockport performing above comparator areas. The Board noted continued growth in Education Health and Care Plan and Special Educational Needs Support cohorts, reflecting national trends.

## NHS SEND Dashboard

An update was provided on the Greater Manchester SEND Dashboard. Most partners now have access, and further access can be arranged upon request. The Board emphasised ensuring that families and Parents and Carers Together Stockport (PACTS) have sight of key information presented within the dashboard.

## Health Services Update

Performance across therapy services continues to improve. Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Physiotherapy have all reported stronger access performance, with children being seen more quickly. Pennine Care data will be brought to the next meeting, and regular representation at the Board will be requested.

## Self-Evaluation Framework (SEF)



The SEF was presented for approval and signed off by the Board. This enables the publication of public summaries and broader communication with families. Work is underway to ensure information is accessible to parents and carers.

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# Greater Manchester Neurodevelopmental (ND) Model of Care

The Board discussed the newly approved GM-wide ND model. Partners welcomed the shift towards needs-led support but raised concerns about communication, co-production claims at GM level, and Stockport's readiness for implementation.

Schools and Public Health emphasised the importance of clear, accessible information for families. The Board agreed that a Stockport-specific implementation plan is required to address these concerns and coordinate next steps.

## Changes to Autism & ADHD Assessment Pathways

The Board considered the recent GM letter outlining changes to autism and ADHD assessments. Families have expressed concerns, and PACTS reported high levels of enquiries linked to service pressures and communication gaps.

Partners agreed to coordinate messaging and ensure families receive timely, consistent information.

## SEND Reforms

The Department for Education's recent communication outlines expectations for the next phase of national SEND reform. Stockport is well positioned, with progress already underway across priority areas. Further information is expected following publication of the Schools White Paper.

## EHCP Timeliness

The Board noted end-of-year performance, with 994 requests received and 645 plans finalised. Average completion time is 26 weeks, with improvements seen in recent months. Timeliness remains a key priority, and efforts to reduce backlogs and improve family experience continue.



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