

**Meeting:** High Needs Sub Group Meeting

**Attendees:** Anna Chiva, Steph Lea, Michael Crowe, Aron Brown

**Apologies:**

**Record taken by:** Lucia Paris (PA to SEND AD)

Item	Time	Lead	Details	Actions
1	<b>2:00 – 2:05PM</b> Introductions			
2	<b>2:05 – 2:15PM</b> Following Schools Forum; Re-establish Terms of Reference. Appoint Chair and Vice-Chair.  Group of core members.	Chair (Steph Lea)	No changes were made to the terms of reference  Steph Lea appointed as Chair Catherine May appointed as Vice-Chair - Pippa Baker confirmed as EYFS representative	FE representative to be identified
3	<b>2:15 – 2:25PM</b> Update on High Needs Funding budget (Aron)	Aron B Information to be presented	The budget is facing pressure from an increase in AP places / /costs Government have announced £1billion to be invested in SEND Southwark may anticipate an increase between 7 to 10% although the formula has not been confirmed / may vary.	For the next meeting further data to be presented on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• number of EHCPs and EHCNAs across all sectors (including the independent sector and FE) over a 5 year period, with an overview of spend and average spend</li><li>• Information around non SEND alternative provision.</li><li>• How outliers affect averages shown</li></ul>

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4	<b>2:25 – 2:55PM</b> Safety Valve updates. Deep dive into EHCP numbers.	Mike C Information to be presented	<p>Progress has been made but there is much still to do</p> <p>Positive drivers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A holistic system is developing</li> <li>• Increased professional understanding through mandatory training</li> </ul> <p>Biggest barriers to successful delivery include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• increase in demand and complexity of pupils SEND</li> <li>• engagement of broader health systems</li> <li>• increase in need for AP places</li> </ul> <p>The group were in agreement there is still more work to be done around communication around what is on offer and to who</p>	<p>More detail to be shared at the next HNSG on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the impact of pilot projects</li> <li>2. activity within the various SEND operational groups, with particular focus on HN spend and impact.</li> <li>3. Analysis of the type of plans issued, numbers requested at what age (including secondary) with an overview of the level of bands allocated (see above)</li> </ol>
5	<b>2:55 – 3:15PM</b> Banding Review (Emma)	Anna C Presentation Attached	Emma Ferry is the consultant leading the banding review through a series of task and finish groups.	Consider a presentation from Georgia Pritchard to discuss her work and activity around early years planning

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			<p>The aim is to ensure funding is needs led with no child being adversely affected.</p> <p>There is a delay to the original timeline with recommendations made to a potential exceptional meeting of schools forum in March.</p> <p>Phased or full implementation from September 25.</p>	
6	<p><b>3:15 – 4:30pm</b>  Any other business.  Getting involved with other operational groups.</p>			<p>Further information to be collated surrounding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EHCPs by school type</li> <li>- Primary needs information at which ages</li> <li>- Secondary need information</li> <li>- Number of applications vs plans issued</li> <li>- Outliers in banding range</li> <li>- Integrating this data work with financial information</li> </ul>