

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING DATE: 07.08.2025

TITLE OF PAPER: Kirklees SEND Sufficiency for Kirklees 2025-2028 & Appendix

1. Purpose of paper

For information only.

This paper is being provided to members of the Health & Wellbeing Board to provide assurance of the work being undertaken to ensure sufficiency of provision for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Kirklees.

2. Background

All local authorities have a legal duty to understand local needs and demands in terms of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

This plan is to help us to make sure we have the enough of the right type of learning places in Kirklees so that all children and young people can learn and thrive. It shows that we understand the needs of the local population and how those needs are changing.

This plan and the data in the appendix demonstrate that understanding. The plan sets out the amounts of the different types of learning provision we have currently and what we need to develop more of, as well as what we might need less of in the future. In Kirklees we call this 'enough of the right stuff'.

This plan sits alongside other strategies and plans:

- Our Kirklees Futures which describes our overall strategy for learning in Kirklees
- SEND - The Big Plan and The Big Plan 2 which describes our approach to transforming our SEND system
- Kirklees SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy which describes how the different partners work together in Kirklees to plan and deliver services
- Securing High Quality Learning Places which details the forecast demand and analysis of cohorts in our whole school system

The plan looks at our longer-term intentions, as well as our more immediate needs for provision. It tells us where we need to invest more money in creating new places or provisions. This includes working with Alternative Provision, building new schools and/or adapting existing schools for a different purpose. It helps us to explain to providers (e.g. schools and health services) where we need to make changes to current provision to meet current and future need. It will help us to make sure we plan in advance and that our provision is sustainable and that we get the best value for money.

3. Proposal

The Board is asked to support the aims and objectives described in the SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Kirklees 2025-2028.

The recommendations provided in the SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Kirklees supports the outcomes described in the JHWS, supporting the best start outcome and inequalities and inclusion priority.

4. Financial Implications

Support for children and young people with SEND represents significant finance and resource pressures for Kirklees council. This strategy helps to guide our SEND Transformation Programme to improve value for money and efficiency of services.

5. Sign off

Tom Brailsford – Executive Director Children and Families 30/07/2025

6. Next Steps

Continue to implement the recommendations contained within the strategy.
The strategy will be updated on an annual basis to include new data, as it becomes available.

7. Recommendations

The Board is asked to support the aims and objectives described in the SEND Sufficiency Strategy for Kirklees 2025-2028.

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