

SENAR UPDATE - April 2022

Quality Assurance

We have set up a multi-agency working group to focus on the Quality of Education Health Care Plans – this is called the Quality Assurance Framework Group. The Quality Assurance Framework sets out a shared approach to Quality across partner agencies, Health & Social Care each of whom has their own internal quality assurance processes.

This enables the Quality Assurance Framework Group a co-ordinated and coherent approach to cycle of learning / continuous improvement and action monitoring that demonstrates impact for children, young people and young adults.

- We have a working group attended by all partners and at present we are working together to create a Quality Assurance Framework which sets out robust guidelines which will be used to develop quality Education Health Care plans. The framework is currently in final draft stage.
- A 'What good looks like' document that is linked to the Quality Assurance framework is currently in draft stage.

Statutory compliance on Reviews & Assessments

Reviews - Although we are currently still dealing with a backlog of Annual Reviews that is impacting on timescales, we expect to be back within statutory timescales as set out in the 2015 Send Code of Practice by end of September 2022.

- We've been making progress on addressing the Annual Review backlog. % Annual Reviews actioned within 4 weeks of the meeting was at 0.4% in September 2021; our latest performance is 32.5% of Annual Reviews completed in February 2022 (that's 96 out of 295 completed annual reviews received, actioned within 4 weeks in February 2022)
- **Assessments** - We are working to bring the Assessment statutory timeframes back in line with the 20 weeks' timescale set within the 2015 SEND Code of Practice
- We have improved on the 20 week statutory compliance with Education, Health and Care Needs Assessments - 53% of assessments were completed within 20 weeks in April 2021 compared to 62% of assessments completed within 20 weeks in February 2022; this is a 12-months average, compares to 58% national average

EHC Needs Assessment

We are progressing with the Education Health Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA) process and the review of all the associated documentation. We are reviewing the Needs Assessment in light of the release of the Government SEND and AP Green paper, SEND review: right support, right place, right time issued yesterday (29th March 2022). The green paper is at the first stage of consultation so any

changes are likely to be at least 18 months away. So we will continue on our review and provide a further update in Autumn when the DFE publish the outcome of consultation.

If you would like to read the Government SEND and AP Green Paper please follow the below link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/send-review-right-support-right-place-right-time>

Post 16 Phase Transfers

This year a considerable amount of work has been done by the SEND service to ensure that Post 16 phase transfer amendments are issued by the Statutory deadline of 31st March. We are on target to deliver the majority of these transfers and we will provide a further update in the next SENAR update.

