


# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Improving support

Roz Pither, SEND Strategic Commissioner, and Freyr Bendleton, SENDIASS manager, attended a joint workshop run by the National Children's Bureau on Friday 22nd. The day was an opportunity to explore effective working partnerships across teams as well as an update on the Government National Overview of SEND and the DfE SEND review which is looking at the extent to which the current systems are efficient and effective in providing the right support, and what additional changes might be needed now and in the future.

The day was very useful in terms of reflecting, taking stock and planning forward together to improve the services that are provided to children and young people with SEND and their families. To find out more click here 

## Have you completed the SEND Strategy Consultation Survey?

Your knowledge and experiences, as a practitioner working with and for children and young people, is vital in informing our SEND strategy for 2020-23.

### WE NEED YOU!

Click the link and complete the survey [HERE](#)



## SEND Strategy Focus Groups Feedback

Here are some of the responses we have received from our focus groups on the 21st and 28th November from parents and SENCOs. When we asked them what would a successful strategy consultation look like:

- Better engagement
- No longer working in silos
- The feeling that we've done the best for the next generation.
- More of a focus on a child or young persons ability and not just the disability.

If you would like to be involved in the final SEND Strategy Consultation it is at the Customer Services Hub, Orbital Shopping Park, Thamesdown Drive, Swindon SN25 4AN on Wednesday 4th December at 6-8pm.

## "A reminder to schools: Please complete the SEND Self Evaluations (RATINGS SECTION ONLY REQUIRED)"

We are still receiving these, thank you, and we will use them to understand the provision of SEND in Swindon. As a result we will be able to target support, prevent isolation of SENCOs and schools and work to support further funded and self funded opportunities within the Borough. For example, there will be some funded opportunities to work to improve SEND in the new year. More details to follow and priority will be given to those schools who returned their self evaluations before the Xmas holidays.

Please email Sue Pryor, SEND Commissioning Project Support Officer if you would like to fill out the evaluation form on [SPryor3@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SPryor3@swindon.gov.uk).