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Special educational needs and disability panel

The SEND Code of Practice (2015) states that Local Authorities must set up moderating groups to support decision making, transparency and consistency around SEND and strategy plans with multi agency groups. We are very fortunate to have a panel that provides a valuable function to improve the consistency of decision making about whether to carry out an EHC needs assessment and whether to issue an EHC plan in a multi-agency way.

SENDIASS have arranged some coffee mornings, supported by a member from the SENAT Team on the 18th December from 10am-12noon.

The event will be at The Customer Service Hub at the Orbital Shopping Park

The first hour will be a talk on a certain topic and the 2nd hour attendees will have the opportunity to book 10 minute slots to answer individual questions.

Please see poster by clicking [here](#) and contact SENDIASS for further information.



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The panel is chaired by the SEND Statutory Team Manager, and cases are presented by Senior SEN Officers (EHCP Coordinator from March 2020), Designated Medical/Clinical Officer, Social Care Senior Manager, Principal our Senior Educational Psychologist, and a rotation of other professionals including Headteachers and SENCo's for a variety of settings.

The Senior SEN Officers prepare cases in advance of the panel meeting and these are circulated to the other panel members prior to the meeting. They also record recommendations made by the panel group and the final decision made by the chair.

Throughout the EHC process, Swindon is committed to the following principles:

- The participation of children, their parents and young people in decision making
- Aspirational and person centred approach
- Focus on inclusive practice and remove barriers to learning
- Ensuring high quality provision to achieve good and outstanding progress
- Evidence based decision making, proportionate to identified needs and agreed outcomes

In order to support panel members we have developed a training webinar which explains the remit of the panel and this will be sent to panel members from the new year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all professionals who give their time and expertise to the running of the panel.