

<b>Background</b>
EHCP demand has risen 60% post Covid
Increased demand, alongside workforce challenges, has led to significant drop in compliance with statutory timeframes
In 2022, fewer than 20% issued within 20 week timescale. Now below 10%. Some families waiting over a year
Review of EHCP processes started in November 2023, to identify opportunities for improvement
Significant stakeholder engagement, highlighting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Likely areas for improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Processes</li> <li>○ Support for settings</li> <li>○ Consistency</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Review has led to an ambitious transformation programme

**Our Transformation journey vision is simple:**

*To ensure that Children and Young People in Leeds with SEND have the best possible start to life, have equal opportunities to learn, feel valued as part of society and go on to have successful lives in adulthood.*

<b>To achieve this, our priorities will be:</b>	<b>Overarching themes:</b>
Support for settings and professionals to identify need	Improved working with schools, settings and all system partners with stronger, more open and supportive relationships.
Support for parents and carers throughout the journey	Instil greater confidence for parents and carers, including clarity about the menu of support and provision on offer.
One legally compliant process for assessment and funding	Meet needs in the most cost-efficient way; getting best value for money from the public purse through a focus on strategic planning to develop high quality, lower cost and sustainable provision.
Anticipating and meeting need in an intelligent way	
New way of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equitable culture</li> <li>• Consistent leadership</li> <li>• Child-centred action</li> </ul>	

<b>Key activity between April and September 2024</b>
Short-term investment to improve timeliness performance
Streamlining processes
Better use of IT and system tools
Improve data quality
Improvements to communication and quality of signposting on local offer
Starting to transition funding streams to better meet overall programme aims
Multi-agency 'oversight group' to be established.

**All enabled by the 'new way of working'**