

It's Everybody's Business To Be Inclusive

Lewisham's Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities Strategy 2016-2019

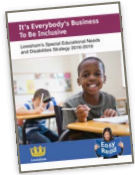


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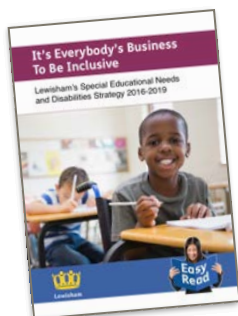
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Introduction



This is the strategy for Lewisham's Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Partnership.



A strategy is a plan for a long period of time.



This strategy is for the period 2016 - 2019.



This strategy explains the issues we need to look at and how we are working to improve things for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).



To see the full version of the strategy visit: www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/special-educational-needs/Pages/Special-Educational-Needs-and-Disability-Strategy.aspx



Many organisations have worked together to write this strategy including:

- The London Borough of Lewisham



- Lewisham NHS Clinical Commissioning Group



- Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust



- South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust



- Lewisham Southwark College



- Voluntary Action Lewisham

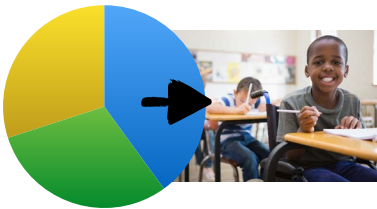


- The Metropolitan Police

About Lewisham



About 1 in every 8 children in Lewisham have SEND. This is more than the average for England.



Just over a third are going to mainstream schools.

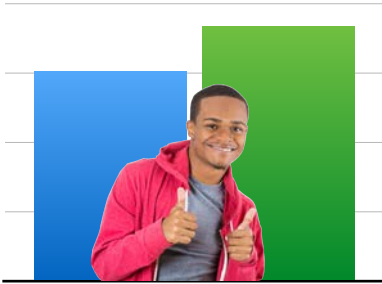


Just under a third are going to special schools in Lewisham.



We are paying for over 600 children and young people with special educational needs to get support outside the borough.

Rest of England
Lewisham



More children with SEND in Lewisham do well at school than the average for England.



Lewisham has more areas with very poor people than most other parts of the country.



Lewisham spends more on children with SEND than almost all other areas of the country.

Our vision



Together with families, we will improve the lives and life chances of the children and young people in Lewisham.



We will help children and young people to make the most of their lives.



We will put children and young people first every time.



We will make a real difference to the lives of children and young people.

The way we work



We will carry on working to make sure that mainstream schools and services are good and welcoming to children with SEND.



We provide services for children who need some extra help.



Our services:

- Give them a lot of support now so they don't need more help later
- Help them to stay in mainstream schools



We also have specialist services for children and young people with the most complex needs.

Making changes



We want to improve things so that children and young people with SEND and their families:

- Make the most of their lives



- Get the right support at the right time



- Get better information



- Become more independent



- Become better at dealing with problems



We want children and young people with SEND and their families:

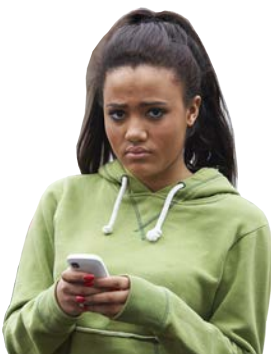
- To know where to go to get help when they need it



- To be healthy and active



- To want to do really well in their lives



- To stay safe from abuse and harm



Our staff will:

- Get better at helping children and young people who are starting with mental health problems



- Help children and young people to be healthy and active



- Work in a way that is fair to everyone



- Look out for children and young people who are at risk of harm. We want to help them to stay safe

How we are going to do it



Better information

We will produce a 'Local Offer'.



This will contain information about all the education, health and social care services that are available.



We will find new ways to communicate with parents, and children.

Teaching and support



We will make sure that all schools are able to properly support children with SEND.



We will look at better ways to support children with behaviour, emotional and mental health issues in mainstream schools.



Special Schools

We will check that special schools have properly trained staff.

We will carry on making sure that children do well at our special schools.

We are setting up a new place for children with social emotional, behaviour and mental health issues at New Woodlands.



Education, Health and Care Plans

Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP) are given to those who need them. They explain their education, health and care needs.

They show how different services should work together to help each child.



We want to make sure every child that needs a plan will get one.

Most young people with SEND can have their needs met in mainstream schools. However some may need additional support through an EHC plan to have their needs met.





Personal Budgets

A personal budget is where you are given more choice and control to manage the care and support for your child in line with agreed assessments of need.



We want more families to understand how a personal budget might help them.

Travel



We want more children and young people with SEND to be provided with the opportunity to have travel training so that they are able to travel by themselves.



We will carry on with training children and young people to travel independently.



Health services

We want to make sure that children who are starting with health issues are seen within 18 weeks.



We will carry on making sure that children with the most complex needs get a good health service.



We want to improve our information about the health of children and young people with SEND.

Social care and short breaks

We want more different sorts of short break options for people.



We want parents to understand more about how to help their child to be more independent.



We want more different opportunities for children and young people to make the most of their lives.



Early years

We want more children with SEND to get the funding and services they should get.



We want staff who work in early years services to get more training about working with children with SEND.



We want more information for parents about services for children with SEND.



Becoming an adult

We want more choices for young people with SEND who are becoming an adult.



We want services to work with families to make better plans.



We want services to work better together.



We want colleges to be able to meet the needs of young people with SEND better.

Autism



We are working to understand more about why it is hard for children and young people with Autism to get help in the community.



We are working to understand more about ways to support children and young people with Autism and their families.

For more information



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