



**Welcome from Jacky Forster, Director of Education and 14-19 Skills,  
Cheshire East Council and chair of the SEND Partnership Board**



Hello and welcome to our June issue of '[SENDing you the news](#)' for 2019, with an update from the [Cheshire East 0 – 25 SEND Partnership](#).

As a partnership, agencies in Cheshire East are committed to providing the best quality education, care and support for all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We are making progress, but there is still more to do and we aim to update you every month on our priorities, plans and achievements, so please and share newsletter with your networks.

This is an ambitious programme which cannot be achieved without the full commitment from all the key partners at every level, from parents and carers, strategic directors to frontline practitioners within social care, education, and health across both children's and adult services.

Thank you

**Engaging with Children and Young People**

Our [SEND Youth Forums](#) have been attending different meetings to discuss their views, updating videos, designing and reviewing paperwork and learning new life skills.

**Supported Internships**

A [supported internship](#) is designed to be the final year of education. It is aimed to support young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) between the ages of 16-24 years old.

**Axis Academy School**

A planning application has now been submitted for the new Social Emotional and Mental Health free school in Crewe which will be known as '[The Axis Academy School](#)'.

**TOGETHER**

'[TOGETHER](#)' is our shared definition of coproduction in Cheshire East. Our co-production guide sets out how we will work together as equal partners to improve, develop and deliver services towards a common goal for all of our children, young people, families and adults.

## Quality Assurance of Education, Health and Care Plans

Since the Ofsted visit last year, the SEND team have attended training run by the Council for Disabled Children to improve the quality of [Education, Health and Care Plans](#).

## SEND High Needs Funding Consultation Events

We are looking to improve the system for allocating [high needs top-up funding](#) to children and young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan in Cheshire East.

## SEND Future Options Event

Young people with additional needs, in year 9 (aged 13-14) upwards, and their families are invited to a [drop in event](#) where they can find out more about what is available when they leave education.

## SEND Structure Update

I would like to thank everyone who has responded to the consultation on the [SEND Structure](#). Having taken account of the responses we are now moving to implement a locality structure.

## Timeliness and Quality of EHC Plans

We are able to report that we are seeing significant progress in terms of improving timeliness of completing [EHCP within 20 weeks](#). We have also been making progress in terms of quality but we will now be stepping up our work in this area.

## Contact Details

If you have any good news stories you would like to share for SENDing you the news please contact [SENDpartnerships@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:SENDpartnerships@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

### The Cheshire East SEND Partnership includes:

- Cheshire East Council
- Cheshire East Parent Carer Forum
- Cheshire East Information
- Advice and Support
- Local community & voluntary organisations
- NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Providers of health services
- Early years providers, schools and further education