

Walsall SENDI Challenge Board

Terms of Reference

Overall Purpose: Provision of oversight and challenge for Walsall MBC's SENDI Improvement Strategy

- **Membership**
- Independent Chair
- Cllr Burley - Portfolio Holder
- Cllr Towe - Main Opposition lead member
- David Haley DCS
- Lynda Poole Assistant Director
- Jane Bonner, Head of Service School Improvement
- Clare Goss/Phil Ward/Margaret Wiredu/Karen Grandison SENDI team
- Karen Marcroft, QA and Performance
- Kay Mills Special School Headteacher
- Christine Fraser Special School Headteacher
- Sean Davies Primary/Nursery Headteacher
- Jenny Garratt – Primary/ Nursery Headteacher
- Kate Bargh, Rushall Primary (ARP)
- Stephen Pritchard-Jones Shepwell School
- David Hassell - Walsall EBP
- CCG
- Public Health
- NHS England
- Early Years
- Special School Governor
- Adult Services

Support:

- Business Support Officer
- QA and Performance Support
- Finance Support

Meeting Schedule:

- 6 times per year
- Agenda to be agreed between Independent Chair and Assistant Director in liaison with Portfolio Holder and Head of Service SENDI.

Children's Services

Remit:

The Board will provide oversight for the development of Walsall MBC's SENDI Improvement Strategy. It will also provide challenge and support for Schools, SENDI support and advisory services and others who are responsible for implementing the Strategy and delivering the associated Action Plan. The Board's overriding focus will be on achieving substantially improved educational outcomes for pupils with SEND.

The Board will also provide challenge in relation to the Walsall wide review of needs of children with SEND and the provision made to support them, which will be delivered in autumn term 2016, along with a five year action plan. Subsequently the Board will monitor the implementation of the five year action plan.

The Board's remit will be achieved by:

- Providing challenge to all key partners with joint responsibility for contributing to the local area's effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people with SEND and children in other vulnerable groups
- Providing oversight for the development of the SENDI Improvement Strategy, the associated Action Plan, ensuring that it is based on an accurate understanding of Walsall's effectiveness in fulfilling its responsibilities
- Advising on the development of an appropriate scorecard
- Monitoring progress against the SENDI Improvement Strategy
- Assisting in the identification of key areas where change and development is needed to remove barriers to progress and to enable the outcome of pupils with SEND and other children in vulnerable groups to be significantly improved
- Oversight of progress in relation to the completion of the Walsall wide review of the needs of children with SEND and the provision required to support them; and the development of a five year plan which responds to the findings of the review
- Providing challenge and support to all those involved in delivering improved outcomes for SEND pupils in Walsall including Schools, SENDI support and advisory services and specialist providers.

Role of the Independent Chair:

- To keep the Board focused on the key objectives of the Walsall SENDI Improvement Strategy and its implementation
- To ensure that the Board focusses strongly on supporting the improvement of outcomes for children and young people with SEND, and those of children in other vulnerable groups
- To ensure that the Board's findings are regularly reported to the Children and Young People's Partnership.
- To represent the board to all stakeholders as appropriate.

Reporting:

- To the Children and Young People's Partnership Board and to the Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Links with:

Children's Services

- Headteacher Associations, Walsall Governor Association, JNCC, Regional Schools Commissioner, Academy Sponsors.

