



For children, young people and families



SEND Reform Engagement Event

Experts at Hand | Tuesday 6th October
12:30-1:30pm



Welcome and Introductions

Introducing Today's Theme and Presenters

- Experts at Hand

Purpose

- These sessions are designed to keep you informed and involved in shaping the future of SEND reform delivery in Nottinghamshire.
- This session will:
 - Share the national context for Experts at Hand
 - Explain what it means in Nottinghamshire
 - Gather your views to help shape delivery

How to Participate

- Please use the Q&A function throughout the session
- Vote on questions and ideas posted by others
- We will continue gathering feedback after the event through wider engagement activity



National Context

The '**Experts at Hand**' offer aims to bring support closer to children and young people by:

- Providing **early identification & intervention** – proactive and timely evidence-based support.
- Building **confidence and capacity** of school and setting staff through advice and coaching.
- Ensuring support is **based on need**, not diagnosis.
- Strengthening **collaboration** between education, health and care professionals to improve outcomes.



Local Context

In Nottinghamshire, Experts at Hand is about building a 'community of expertise' around the child and family.

Building on strong foundations

- Family of Schools
- District and Family SENCo
- Established partnership working
- Expanding support



Family of Schools



Multi-agency Inclusion Teams

Assistant
Practitioners

Occupational
Therapists

Specialist
Teachers

District
SENCoS

Family
SENCoS

Speech and
Language
Therapists

Educational
Psychologists

Specialist Teaching
Assistants

Working with

Advice, consultation & coaching

Observe & identify needs

Support inclusive practice

Group or whole class interventions

Build confidence

SEND local area partnership - Strategic Leads

Neuro-
affirming
Practice

Social,
Emotional and
Mental Health

Transitions

Speech,
Language and
Communication
Needs

Occupational
Therapy

Transformation
work

Oversight -
across LA &
health

Assistant
Practitioners roles

Evidence-based
practice

Shaping the
offer

Supporting Early Identification



Visit the Verbo
website for more
information

Verbo Speech and Language Therapy Toolkit

- Exploring possible support tools across Nottinghamshire schools
- The aim is to strengthen universal and targeted Speech, Language and Communication Needs provision, enhancing the increased SALT offer to schools and families

What is Verbo?

- Verbo is a digital Speech and Language Therapy toolkit developed by NHS
- Speech and Language Therapists. It provides schools with access to:
- Screening and assessment tools
- Suggested targets and intervention activities
- Video demonstrations and resource libraries
- Staff training and guidance materials
- Progress monitoring and reporting tools
- Parent access to support consistency between home and school
- Suitable for early years, primary, secondary and post-16 settings.



Multi-agency Alternative Education Team

**Head of
Service**

**Combining
teams and
practitioners**

**Oversight of
children missing
education**

**Recruitment for
Multi-agency AE
Team**

Shaping what's next

- Experts at Hand aims to *build sustainable capacity and confidence in inclusion through targeted support, earlier intervention and partnership working.*
- Thinking about the four areas of Special Educational Needs and the 'community of expertise around the child and family', what support do you think would be most valuable/ needed?
 - Communication & Interaction
 - Cognition & Learning
 - Social, Emotional and Mental Health
 - Physical & Sensory
- What else do we need to consider?

Please share your thoughts in the Q&A and vote for ideas you support.



Closing reflections

Thank you for taking the time to join us today. We will review all comments received today and share further opportunities to contribute.

Until next time...

- Session highlights and a recording will be published on a webpage
- Join us at our next engagement session on the 8th December, 12:00-13:00, focusing on [Ordinarily Available Provision](#)
- Stay connected through our monthly SEND Reform briefing notes for the latest updates
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