



Why do we need a sufficiency strategy?

- We currently have higher levels of Education Health and Care Plans compared to similar areas
- This can present additional challenges to mainstream settings and their approaches to inclusion
- We need to assess and project current and future needs
- To help us realise our ambition to be inclusive
- To strengthen the partnership approach to improve outcomes for children, young people and families
- To narrow the gap between SEND and non-SEND pupils

The resource challenge

- Our specialist provision is currently full and will remain so for the foreseeable future
- This is leading to higher levels of out of borough placements, meaning children might have to travel further
- To make sure we achieve best value for money

Planning for the future

- The number of pupils with EHCP is likely to continue to rise in the short term
- Numbers will increase most in secondary phase
- There is a particular challenge to meet the support and placements needs for pupils with:
 - Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)
 - Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
 - Speech, Language and Communication needs (SLCN)



What can we do to improve the system?

Improve our 'graduated response' through:

- Workforce development
- Practice for inclusion
- Improved guidance and support to mainstream schools

Make sure we get best value from our existing capacity and resources through:

- Ensuring the system works together
- Clear expectations of all providers and decision-makers

Work with parents/carers to improve engagement to:

- Improve confidence in the system to meet the needs of their child
- Increase parental influence on plans and strategies

Commission additional capacity to include:

- SEMH
- ASD
- SLCN



How will we know that the plan is working?

- Children, young people and families will be at the centre of all planning
- The gap with non-SEND pupils will be closing
- Pupils can be supported wherever possible in mainstream and inclusive settings
- Pupils in need of specialist support will be placed in the most appropriate provision – wherever possible within (or very near to) Barnsley
- There will be fewer out of borough placements
- Our deployment of resources will achieve maximum value for money
- The system will be working together to support young people through a successful transition to adulthood and maximum independence