



Southampton Inclusion Partnership Newsletter

Summer Term 2024

Dear Colleagues and SENCOs,

It has been a very busy and exciting time for Southampton Inclusion Partnership.

Across the year, we have worked really hard to turn around requests for support, often at short notice.

This has included leading on a number of new initiatives, such as the delivery of Autism in Schools to Post 16 settings and delivery of the NFPP Parenting Programme.

If you have not yet participated in **Autism in Schools**, please sign up for Cohort 4 as this funding will no longer be available after next year.

This term's newsletter provides a link to a podcast which celebrates the impact of the programme so far.

[AiS Project Podcast](#)

Looking ahead, the Year 6/7 Transition Project (SEMH Project Arm 1) has now started for identified schools.

The team is already gathering lots of learning for the development of transition across the city, as well as increased partnership working between primary and secondary settings.

We are also looking forward to sharing information about further support for SEMH coming soon.

The SEMH Project Arm 2 will focus on supporting schools to strengthen their graduated approach to support using a digital tool. Watch this space!

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Thankyou for all your support this year and wishing you a very happy end of term!

Best wishes,

Clare Belli

Head of Southampton Inclusion Partnership

**Deputy Regional SEND Lead for Whole School SEND,
South East and South London.**

New Forest Parenting Programme



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Parenting
Program**

This year SIP acquired funding from the NHS to deliver the **New Forest Parenting Programme** in two schools across the city.

The programme, delivered by Jules Wheeler, has been extremely well received by parents:

"I enjoyed the course and found it helpful to talk to others. It's been reassuring knowing I am not alone and understand more now and I wasn't judged and learnt a lot about ADHD"

It is important to note that in order to access an appointment with CAMHS, parents need to demonstrate that they have attended this programme.

Please get in touch with Lisa Benham if your school is interested in running these sessions.

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Update - Inclusive Education Audit

We were excited to have recently had the city-wide launch of the Inclusive Education Audit at the recent Inclusive Education Event.

Funding for the Inclusive Education Audit was secured through the Delivering Better Value of SEND project. We would like all settings in the city to have started the process by the end of the Autumn term 2024-2025 academic year so that they can access the support being offered to all settings as part of this process.

The process can be adapted to complement your current setting's practice and support tailored to your current need.

A reminder that to discuss this further and to start the process, please follow the link below to book an initial 30/45 minute meeting for this term or the Autumn term of the 2024-2025 academic year with the Inclusion Audit Manager:

[Book an initial meeting](#)

Alternatively email:

InclusiveEducationAudit@southampton.gov.uk
to arrange a meeting.

For more information on the Inclusive Education Audit, please see the webpage on our Local Offer:

[Inclusive Education Audit \(southampton.gov.uk\)](#)

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Please also see supportive online resources that have been developed as part of the process:

Resources, tools and training to support OAP:

[Ordinarily Available Provision Guidance \(southampton.gov.uk\)](#)

Inclusive Education Padlet:

[Inclusive Education Padlet](#)

Telephone Consultation Service



We have reintroduced our telephone consultations. These sessions take place every Wednesday between 3.15pm and 4.30pm.

Please call Springwell School on 02380 445 981 extension 3.

This is an opportunity to speak to one of our Specialist Support Assistants about a pupil with SEND you have concerns about and seek advice.

Details are also on our website.



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SEMH Year 6/7 Transition Project

We are delighted that Southampton Inclusion Partnership has been allocated funding, through the Delivering Better Value Grant, to support primary and secondary schools with Yr 6 to 7 transition.

This support is specifically targeted at pupils with SEMH needs who may find transitioning to secondary school challenging. The overall aim of the project is to improve transition for these children/young people, reducing the risk of exclusion and poor attendance, resulting in a successful secondary education and preparation for adulthood.

Supported by The Polygon School, the project will focus on partnership working between primary and secondary schools.

Pupils from 6 primary/junior schools have already been identified and the first meeting has taken place, with further support planned over the next two terms.

We hope that this project will provide a positive case study to inform future transition planning across the city.

Many thanks to those schools who have agreed to participate.

SENCo Hubs

These meetings are especially designed to support SENCos and provide local and regional updates.

The dates for the coming year are as follows:

Thursday 7th November '24—2-4pm Venue tbc

Thursday 13th March '25—2-4pm Venue tbc

Please see our website for details:

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>

Please get in touch if you have something to share with the city, as your presentations are particularly valued by SENCos who really want to know what works on the ground!



Celebrating 8 Years of Teacher Training with SIP

Southampton Inclusion Partnership (SIP) has led a teacher training programme specialising in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) since 2016. During this time, we have trained over 50 students who have gone onto become qualified teachers, sharing their skills in SEND within their schools.

From this September, SIP will be co-leading a PGCE Primary (with SEND route) with the **University of Winchester**.

We are proud to be working with a university with almost 200 years' experience of training teachers and a recent Outstanding grade from Ofsted.

For more details see our website at:

www.southamptoninclusion.net/initialteachertraining

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SEND Mainstream Funding Cluster Model (southampton.gov.uk)

To support communication and transparency as part of the coproduction period, a designated email address has been established:

HNFmodel@southampton.gov.uk.

This email can be used by any stakeholder to support the coproduction period by asking questions or providing suggestions or feedback.

In addition, there will be online coproduction events which will be open to all stakeholders. The dates and links to these meetings can be found on the monthly comms or through the details below:

FIRST DATE TO BE UPDATED (Should be available by start of next week)

24th June 2024 – 15.30 - 16.30 (meeting link – [24th June Online Coproduction meeting](#))



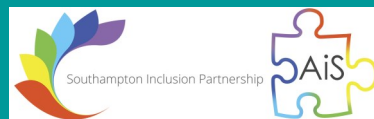
Autism in Schools



Check out this podcast for a conversation about learning from the Autism in Schools Project:

<https://www.ascl.org.uk/podcasts/send>

In this edition, ASCL SEND and Inclusion Specialist, Margaret Mulholland, speaks to Clare Belli, who shares the learning and impact of the Autism in Schools Project.



Autism in Schools Final Cohort

We are delighted that the Local Authority has secured funding through the DfE Delivering Better Value funding stream to deliver four key workstreams in Southampton. One of the workstreams is the roll out of the very successful Autism in Schools programme, delivered by SIP, to all schools across the city.

Tammy Glaire (Assistant Headteacher, Springwell School) has led the training this year for Cohort 3 schools in collaboration with a range of partners. Enthusiasm from this year's cohort has been marvellous! It's been fantastic working with colleagues from schools across the city to make sure our schools are inclusive for pupils on the autism spectrum.

Please note, next year will be the final year of funding, so do make sure you are registered for Cohort 4 which will end in July 2025. Invites have been sent out to schools who have not previously participated.

In addition, we are also thrilled to be able to offer Autism in Schools to Post 16 colleagues. This programme began in May 2024, led by Kate Henty, Assistant Headteacher (Post 16 & Vocational Lead) at Great Oaks School.

We anticipate securing funding for a further year so please contact Lisa Benham for more details at info@southamptoninclusion.net

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New to the Outreach Team

As you are aware, **Rachel Martin** is our Outreach Service Lead, supported by **Janice Singleton**, the Outreach Administrator.

We have already introduced **Vicky Langdon** as our Outreach Advisory Teacher and **Clare Bradshaw** as Outreach Advisory Teacher for SEMH. We now also welcome **Beccy Gibson** as Outreach SSA.

In order to request support from Clare Bradshaw, please complete a PHIG referral.



Neurodiversity Hub launch

We are excited to announce the opening of the Neurodiversity Connections Hub to support autistic people and their families at the Lighthouse Building, 432 Bitterne Road.

The service is available from 9am - 4pm with a variety of providers delivering services from one place. nc-hub@autismhampshire.org.uk

Autism Hampshire are co-ordinating the building to enable local services to use the space to meet people that they are supporting.

The Information and Advice service at Autism Hampshire will be based here and will offer face to face appointments for autistic adults and families.



SIP Annual SEND & Inclusion Conference

Tuesday 25th June 2024, 8:30-4pm and will be delivered on line via Teams.

“Intersectionality: Understanding the overlap of vulnerabilities and how they shape a learner’s identity”

We are excited to welcome **Amy Sayer** as our Keynote Speaker this year, who will deliver a session on supporting pupils who have experienced trauma.

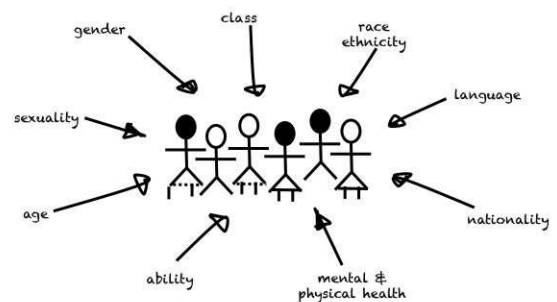
We also extend a welcome to **Frances Akinde** who will talk about Intersectionality: Race & SEND, drawing on professional and lived experiences.

To book your place please go to our website at:

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>

Don't forget to book a free place for your SEND Governor!

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Mental Health Training

Amy Sayer, speaking at our SEND and Inclusion Conference this year, provides a range of mental health training for schools based on her extensive experience supporting the most vulnerable learners in schools.

She can support Senior Mental Health Leads to complete an audit and action plan of their whole-school approach to mental health.

Her offering is available on www.amy-sayer.com or you can email her at: dramysayer@hotmail.com



Southampton Parent Carer Fun Day 2024

Is on Tuesday 9th April 10am to 2pm at Richard Taunton College.

Lots of activities for children and young people and a range of Local Offer Service providers will also be on site to offer advice, ideas and support to parents and carers of children with SEND.

See the Southampton Parent Carer Forum Facebook page for signup information.



Autism in Schools Top Up Workshops

Our top up workshops have been very well received. Designed to support schools with sustainability of the programme, they provide opportunities for additional training, problem solving, sharing of expertise and updates on resources.

If you have received training in Cohort 1, 2 or 3, you are very welcome to attend. The dates for next academic year are as follows:

Tues 22 October 2024—3.45-5pm

Tues 11 February 2025—3.45-5pm

Tues 10 June 2025—3.45-5pm

For further details please contact Lisa at info@southamptoninclusion.net



Whole School SEND Live Webinar

“Positively engaging with the challenges of designing alternative pathways in mainstream provision”

The SESLON region will be hosting this live webinar on **28th June, 2-3:30pm.**

Special thanks go to Daniel Constable-Phelps, Executive Headteacher of St Mary's Learning Partnership, who will be sharing his school's experience of setting up a SEND Unit within a mainstream setting.

We also welcome Clare Knight, Assistant Headteacher at Springwell School, as part of a question panel, who has worked with St Mary's Learning Partnership to set up and quality assure the provision.

To book your ticket please visit: <https://nasen.org.uk/events/nasen-live-2024>

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Congratulations to St Mary' Primary School!!

Southampton Inclusion Partnership would like to offer their congratulations to St Mary's Primary and Nursery School for receiving the **Inclusion Quality Mark, Centre of Excellence Award**, in April 2024.

The assessment process consisted of self evaluation against eight categories, four of which were quality assured by an IQM assessor, as part of a rigorous assessment across two days. Staff felt it was a supportive process that helped to celebrate the school's successes within a context of development.

Well done Daniel, Leanne and the whole team at St Mary's! It has been a privilege to work with you and across your partnership.

What works in SEND

We were delighted that Southampton were selected as a case study for recent research carried out by the University of Warwick.

The report was commissioned by the Research & Improvement for SEND Excellence (RISE) Partnership who are funded by the Department for Education (DfE). This qualitative research focuses on exploring the key ingredients that facilitate inclusion of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in schools, with a particular focus on understanding what local SEND and Alternative Provision partnerships can do, to better support schools to become more inclusive, improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families.

We anticipate that the research will be published shortly. Huge thanks to all those who participated, including the group of SENCOs who met at the most recent SENCo Hub.



Nasen Live 2024

5th July 2024 at Resorts World, NEC Birmingham.

Due to unprecedented demand, nasen LIVE 2024 is now completely sold out! Tickets are no longer available for purchase, but you can still join the waiting list to potentially secure a spot at this exclusive event, by visiting:

<https://nasen.org.uk/nasen-live>

This year we wish our Whole School SEND, South East and South London region, all the best for their delivery of a session entitled: **Positively engaging with the challenges of designing alternative pathways in mainstream provision**



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SEND Workshops—Springwell School

Our SEND workshops/visitor mornings, costing £55 per delegate, are a wonderful opportunity to observe classes in a special school setting and discuss strategies for managing behaviour and meeting the needs of children with learning and communication difficulties.

If you need to see a specific year group or have other requirements for your visit, please notify Lisa Benham when you make your booking at info@southamptoninclusion.net

Dates available are as follows:

Thursday 7 Nov 2024

Thursday 9 Jan 2025

Thursday 6 Feb 2025

Thursday 6 Mar 2025

Thursday 24 Apr 2025

Thursday 22 May 2025

Thursday 19 Jun 2025



All start at 8:30 am and finish at 11:45 am

Please arrive on time for introductory presentation before going into class.

To book please visit our website at

<https://www.southamptoninclusion.net/courses/>



Working in collaboration with Portsmouth

In partnership with HISP Research School, we were delighted this year to support Portsmouth with the development of SEND provision across the city.

Programmes included:

- Making the best use of Teaching Assistants, delivered by Clare Belli and Steve Smith.
- Support for Teaching Assistants, delivered by Rachel Martin and Jules Wheeler.
- SEND in Mainstream Schools, delivered by Rachel Martin.

All programmes were extremely well received and a further raft of support will continue from September 24.



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