To: All Headteachers

Dear Colleague

**EHCP Planning and SEN Provision**

At last week’s Ealing Learning Partnership Board, I provided an up date on work we have been doing on key activities in Priorities 3 and 4 of the local area’s Strategy for SEND Provision and Inclusion. Copies of the plans are loaded on the ELP SEND pages [www.egfl.org.uk/ELP-SEND](http://www.egfl.org.uk/ELP-SEND) on the EGfL.

**EHCP Planning**

During the summer we engaged a consultancy, Rainmaker, to work with parents, schools, staff and managers on how we can improve the EHCP planning processes. Rainmaker gave a presentation on their findings and recommendations to Primary Quadrant Representatives in the Autumn Term. An edited version of their presentation was given to the ELP Board on 18th January. Please click to download a copy of the presentation:

[Rainmaker presentation](https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Topics/ELP/send/Rainmaker%20for%20ELP%20board%20SEN%20assessment%20service%20discovery.pdf) (pdf).

This sets out our vision, values and behaviours. In terms of making changes it describes how digital technology and changes to the processes can free up more time so staff are able to work more constructively and collaboratively with parents, children and young people and schools and colleges. It goes on to summarise the findings of the research with schools, and parental responses to an on-line survey of parents’ views about their satisfaction with the provision made in plans and the process.

We have been working on these plans to improve systems and processes. We have increased the capacity in the SENAS Team. This is reflected in improvements in the performance of Team.

You can download a [summary of performance across 2018](https://www.egfl.org.uk/sites/default/files/Topics/ELP/send/SEN%20timeliness%20statistics%202018.xlsx) (excel)**.** This provides information on the timeliness on the receipt of advice from professionals and the overall performance in meeting the 20 week limit. We know that more needs to be done, but performance from October in relation to plans due in a month is good.

In 2019 we will continue to work on implementing a portal for professionals and parents on EHCPs and last week it was approved that SEND assessment would be part of its digital service transformation with a target date for completion the autumn 2020.

**SEND Provision**

Cabinet met last week and agreed proposals to establish:

* a 6th Form Provision for Springhallow from September 2019. This will be based at the Redwood College site in Greenford working with Dynamic Education.
* an Additionally Resourced Provision at Willow Tree Primary School.

Work on 2 more primary ARPs in the programme is progressing. One of these will be at Havelock Primary School in Southall and we are about to start consultation with parents and other stakeholders. The third one will be in either Ealing or Acton. The location and further details is being investigated with a number of schools that have expressed an interest.

Since 2014 we have increased the number of primary ARPs from 6 to 8 and our plans will increase the number to 11. In the secondary sector the number of ARPs has increased from 2 to 5 with the potential for up to another 2. ARPs increase the range of provision we are able to offer children and young people.

In the case of special schools, we have increased places by 131 with a further 70 planned. As part of the capital programme for 2019-20, to be considered by Cabinet shortly, we anticipate that funding for the relocation of St Ann’s School and expansion will be approved.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me. Further updates will be made to Headteacher meetings during the year and to the ELP SEN and Inclusion Committee.

Yours sincerely

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