



# Takeover of the Leeds Area SEND and AP Partnership Board

12 November 2024



## The takeover

On Tuesday 12 November 2024, 40 students from Broomfield South SILC, West SILC, Power House, Priesthorpe, John Jamieson, Bridge Church, Temple Moor and Green Meadows took over the Leeds Area SEND and AP Partnership Board as part of national takeover challenge.

The aim of the takeover was to:

- Learn about each other.
- Learn about the issues that are important to young people with SEND.
- Learn about what we are doing in Leeds to address the issues.

## Issues raised by children and young

Over the few years young people have shared the issues that are most important to them when talking part in consultation and surveys such as Child Friendly Leeds wish refresh, the Everyone's Included strategy and via the SEND Youth Council.

We have collated these issues into a 'tracker' where we will share back with young people what services are doing to improve these issues.



Fun activities  
outside of  
school

Bullying  
and  
discrimination

Disability  
awareness

SEND training  
for  
professionals

Mental  
health  
support



# Issues tracker



## Fun activities outside of school

- SEND training for activity providers.
- A wider variety of clubs and activities.
- Information about accessible clubs and activities on the Leeds Local Offer website.
- Support to access clubs and activities.
- Activities at different times and days of the week.
- More information for families about what is available.

Delivering short breaks and fun activities

Training for providers

Child Friendly Leeds wishes 2 and 12

Coproduction of commissioning short breaks

Personal budgets

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## Mental health support

- Better mental health support for over 18 year olds with SEND.
- Easy to read information about mental health support.
- Mental health services dedicated to young people with SEND.
- Professionals to have SEND training.
- Easier access to CAMHS.

MindMate and Mindwell

Neurodiversity Information Hub (ND hub)

A range of mental health support services

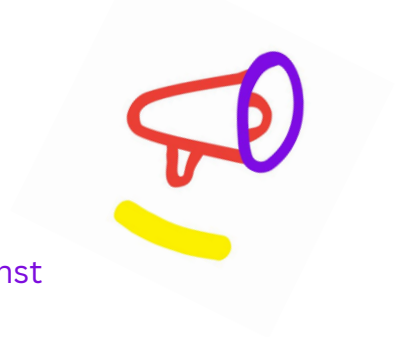
Child Friendly Leeds wish 1

Leeds Future in Mind strategy

School based mental health support



# Bullying and discrimination



- Lessons in schools about bullying and discrimination.
- Positive message about young people with SEND.
- Support for young people being bullied and discriminated against because of their disability.
- Information about where young people can get support.

Leeds Healthy Schools framework

Leeds resilience programme

Child Friendly Leeds wish 4

Anti-bullying resources for schools

Schools MindMate ambassadors toolkit

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# SEND training for professionals

- Basic SEND training for all professionals.
- Professionals to know about SEND and how to support young people.
- Professionals to know about SEND services in Leeds.
- Standardising accessibility and inclusivity in the learning environment.

SENDIASS

Training offer for school staff

A graduated approach toolkit

STARS Team

SEND training framework by NHSE

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# Disability awareness

- Disability awareness amongst peers.
- Celebrate disabilities.
- People being supportive of needs and support.
- More accessible venues.
- Communication.
- SEND is positive!

Raising awareness of disabilities campaign

Leeds Local Offer (SEND)

Child Friendly Leeds wish 12

Everyone's included: SEND and inclusion strategy



## Takeaway and learning from the takeover

### Board members

- Demographics of Leeds.
- Meeting the fantastic young people, who are great ambassadors.
- The importance of school councils.
- The importance of independence and regulation spaces.
- All young people need to be heard, and their ideas and thoughts considered in future actions - Leeds is working hard to achieve this.
- Hearing about the different activities young people want to access and the barriers they face in doing so.
- How hard it is to access volunteering opportunities and part time jobs.



### Young people

- I can apply for a personal budget.
- There are bullying resources for schools.
- Number of young people who have a disability in Leeds.
- Mental health support that is available.
- There are 195 languages spoken in Leeds schools.
- Learnt about the Child Friendly Leeds 12 wishes.
- Number of schools there are in Leeds - there are ALOT!
- There are 7 hospitals in Leeds.
- Learnt about play streets.
- Learning about the population of Leeds.
- MindMate website.
- Leeds Local Offer website.
- The importance of short breaks and fun activities.
- Sometimes people aren't as bad as they seem.
- Leeds is a BIG city!

