#SENDInTheSpecialists: update and next steps

23rd February 2023
Before we start...

Thank you!
2 November 2022

- 114 organisations wrote to Gillian Keegan and Steve Barclay in November
- The organisations cover education, health and care
- They include charities, royal colleges, professional bodies, professional associations, trade unions, parent and carer groups and others
- Social media moment on 3 November
From November on...

- Coalition has increased in size
- Now has 125 members
- More always welcome!

Email us if you want to join:
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Robin Walker mentioned the letter in a debate on early years childcare.
8 December 2022

- 16 APPGs wrote to Gillian Keegan and Steve Barclay
- Echoed our calls about the need to invest in the specialist workforce
- APPGs cover: Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Childcare and Early Education, Children who Need Palliative Care, Disability, Dyslexia and Other Specific Learning Difficulties, Eye health and visual impairment, Muscular Dystrophy, Oracy, Penal Affairs, Prevention of Childhood Trauma, Psychology, Social Mobility, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Speech and Language Difficulties, and Stroke.

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From December on...

- Geraint Davies has tabled written questions on the specialist workforce
- So has Munira Wilson
- The questions are collated in our three-month news story accessible below
- If you have parliamentary contacts, please ask them to table similar questions to Munira’s


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January 2023 – DfE responds to the APPGs

- Claire Coutinho responded to the APPGs in January
- A meeting is being scheduled
- DHSC is yet to respond

Delighted to receive this response from @ClaireCoutinho @educationgovuk to the 16 APPGs’ #SENDInTheSpecialists letter. We look forward to meeting with her next month to discuss how we can ensure children & young people get the support they need from the specialist workforce.
February 2023 – DfE responds to the coalition

- Claire Coutinho responded to the coalition earlier this month
- A meeting is being scheduled

We were pleased to receive a reply from @ClaireCoutinho @educationgovuk earlier this month.

We look forward to meeting her soon to discuss the importance of the specialist workforce for children and young people.
Next steps

- Preparing for Govt’s publication of the SEND and AP Improvement Plan – statements drafted
- E-action for contacting MPs to follow
- Labour Policy Forum submission
- Possible Westminster Hall debate
- Possible debate in the House of Lords
How you can help

- Join the coalition if you haven’t already
- Encourage others to join
- Reference the coalition in meetings
- Share the letter with MPs/Peers you are meeting
- Encourage parliamentary contacts to table written questions about the specific specialist workforce you are interested in
- Highlight on social media your support for #SENDInTheSpecialists
Questions

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Thank you!