

Every Child Achieving and Thriving - SEND In The Specialists coalition responds to UK Government's SEND Plans

The SEND In The Specialists coalition welcomes the UK Government's planned £1.8bn investment over three years in an "experts at hand" service, to bring more specialist professionals into schools.

This funding could help to deliver improved support for children and young people with SEND, and access to valuable specialist expertise for school staff.

But more detail is needed about how the new service will work in practice, including which professionals will be included, how workforce pressures will be addressed, what plans the Government have for early years and post-16 settings, and how such a model will be funded in the longer-term after three years.

We shall be examining the Schools White Paper closely to see how the Government propose to increase investment in and improve workforce planning for the specialist workforce for children and young people with SEND, from early years, through school, and post-16, and across all the settings in which they work, including education, health and social care, and justice.