



SESLIP Commissioning Network – request for assistance October 2024

Education EHCP placements – Improving Market Knowledge

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The [SE Commissioners Network](#) is interested in exploring how to enhance their shared understanding of the market for education placements for children with Education Health and Care Plans.

LAs are making placements in independent special schools, both within and out of their own area. Commissioners want to have better visibility across the market, and in particular to get a better grip on

- independent special school providers (both day and residential)
- placement types and volumes
- fees
- fee structures, including bandings where used
- price increases
- who else is using each placement

Network members would use this information in spot purchase negotiations, annual price reviews, coordinating QA visits, strategic sufficiency planning and preparation for tribunals.

First Ask:

What is already taking place in the region and is this market information being collected, shared or coordinated?

Second Ask:

What do other regions currently have in place, including how it is organised on a day-to-day basis to ensure it is sustainable and adds value?

Contact

If you can shed any light on the either the first or second question, then please contact Chris Baird bchrisbaird@gmail.com 07855 492010 who is coordinating the responses.

The SESLIP Commissioners Network

SESLIP consultant Chris Baird convenes the SESLIP Commissioners Network. The DCS Sponsor for the Network is Lara Patel (DCS Reading/Brighter Futures for Children). [See here for more information on membership of the Commissioners Network.](#)

