

Setting out the vision,  
co-production commitment  
and outcomes for children  
and young people with  
SEND in Worcestershire



# Introduction

Our vision, co-production commitment, and outcomes were developed through extensive collaboration with children, young people, families, and practitioners across Worcestershire. From workshops and engagement activities to co-production events and consultations, every step was guided by the voices of those who matter most. These shared principles will now be rolled out across the Local Area Partnership, becoming central to children's plans and shaping the design of services. They represent our collective ambition for a better future - and while progress has been made, we know there is more to do. We will evaluate how well we are listening to the voices of children, young people and their families, measure our progress against the outcomes, and report back openly on what's working and where we still need to improve.

The SEND Local Area Partnership in Worcestershire is a multi-agency partnership responsible for planning, commissioning, delivering, and evaluating services for children and young people aged 0–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Its key members include:

- Worcestershire County Council
- NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health Care Trust
- Voices United
- Voluntary Sector Representatives, including Parent Carer Forum
- Education representatives

Through ongoing collaboration, the Partnership drives improvement and monitors progress across education, health, and Local Authority services, to better meet the needs and aspirations of children and young people with SEND in Worcestershire. The progress of the partnership is overseen by the Department for Education and NHS England and is subject to inspection from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission.



## Vision Statement

Our vision sets the direction for what we want to achieve for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

“Our vision is that every child and young person in Worcestershire is respected, included, and heard, and has the support, choices, and opportunities they need to reach their goals and live a fulfilled life.”

## Co-production Commitment

Co-production is a way of working where everyone involved is treated as an equal partner. It is based on mutual respect and the belief that everyone has valuable knowledge, skills, and experience to contribute. Through co-production, people work together to design, develop, or improve services and make decisions that benefit everyone. By combining different perspectives and experiences, services become more effective and better suited to meet the needs of children, young people, and families.

Our co-production commitment describes how we will work together with children, families and partners to make the vision real. We have created a set of **'we will'** statements that have been co-produced by parent carers, children and young people and practitioners from health, education and the local authority.

We follow the four cornerstones approach to ensure our co-production is meaningful, inclusive and embedded within the culture of Worcestershire.

WELCOME AND CARE

VALUE AND INCLUDE

COMMUNICATE

WORK IN PARTNERSHIP

Building trust

## We will communicate effectively

What does this look like?

- We use clear and accessible language.
- We are open and honest in our communication.
- We create a clear feedback cycle — you said, we did.

**Four cornerstones link: communicate**

## We will work with together

What does this look like?

- Everyone is an equal partner.
- Everyone's voice is listened to and heard.
- We involve people at the earliest possible stage to shape work together.
- We take accountability and follow through on agreed actions

**Four cornerstones link: Work in Partnership**

## We will be person centred

What does this look like?

- We value lived experience and the knowledge everyone brings.
- Children and young people are always at the centre of decisions.
- We make decisions together

**Four cornerstones link: Value and Include**





## We will respect, recognise and listen

What does this look like?

- We begin every piece of work with open minds.
- We use inclusive methods so everyone can take part.
- We recognise and appreciate everyone's involvement.

**Four cornerstones link: Welcome and Care**



## We will embed co-production in our culture

What does this look like?

- Everyone has a responsibility to co-produce effectively.
- We measure the impact of co-production to show its value
- We are transparent about our decisions, actions, and the reasons behind them

**Four cornerstones link: Trust**



## Outcome statements

The outcome statements show the tangible difference this approach makes to their lives. We will measure our progress against these statements.



### I feel welcome, included and part of a community where I belong

- I can be my authentic self, and I am seen as me / I can be myself
- I can have fun with my family and with my friends

**Four cornerstones link: value and include**



### I feel safe and supported

- To be in an environment that supports my personal needs
- I have people I can trust and who listen to me
- I feel protected in the ways that I need

**Four cornerstones link: welcome and care**





## I am listened to, understood and involved in decisions about my life

- My voice is heard, and me and my family are listened to
- I can communicate in my preferred way and people communicate with me in a way that I understand

**Four cornerstones link: communicate and work in partnership**



## I am helped to be healthy in my mind and body

- I can access the health and well-being support I need
- People understand my needs / I am not always seen as the expert of my condition
- I am healthily encouraged to step outside of my comfort zone

**Four cornerstones link: welcome and care**



## I enjoy life, have fun and I am supported to reach my full potential

- I can be my authentic self, and I am seen as me / I can be myself
- I can have fun with my family and with my friends

**Four cornerstones link: value and include**



For more information and resources on co-production, please visit: [worcestershireshire.gov.uk/SENDcoproduction](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/SENDcoproduction)

