

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Change Programme Partnership (CPP) commenced activity in September 2023, with a set up phase which lasted until early spring 2024. We are now almost fully staffed/mobilised, with a central delivery team and with additional capacity in the five partner agencies of Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland County Council, the LLR Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT).

We are operating with eleven workstreams for the Change Programme Partnership, plus National Health Service England (NHSE) funded Partnerships for the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINs) project, which is very much aligned to the CPP.



Main progress/outputs to date:

* Each Local Authority has developed a comprehensive Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP)
* Leicester City and Rutland are testing with children and families, the revised Education, Health and Care Plan template, striving to assure consistency and quality of the Plan
* Leicestershire are testing Multi-Agency Panels and Advisory Tailored Lists with a pilot soft launch approach
* The Early Language Support for Every Child (ELSEC) programme started at the end of April, adding a new pathway for children to be referred to speech and language assessment with a more moderate level of need, enabling them to be seen sooner by Speech & Language Therapy Assistants, overseen by Speech & Language Therapists. This should also reduce wait times for children requiring a specialist Speech & Language Therapy assessment.
* PINS is intended to support five days of training and support in primary schools, with a target group of 40 schools. We have agreed to work with 4 Rutland schools and 20 each in Leicester City and Leicestershire, with schools completing a self-assessment with our Parent Carer Forums. The five-day training offer is then to be implemented from September 2024.

Other areas of work are also in the ‘pipeline’ including testing National Standards for Early Years Speech, Language and Communication Needs, and work in Local Authorities on Bands and Tariffs to provide the resources needed to ensure that our children and young people make good progress and secure good outcomes.

Following a change of government in July this may reflect the programme of work going forward. We will continue to update our partner groups as this work progresses.

The programme runs until August 2025.