

Julia Buckley MP – SEND Roundtable

Thursday 9 October 2025, 12.30 – 2.30pm

at The Gateway Education and Arts Centre, Shrewsbury SY1 1NB

Purpose

To enable a discussion around what is and not working for SEND families and gather feedback from families and stakeholders to shape the Government White Paper which plans to introduce SEND reforms this Autumn.

AGENDA

12.30pm - Introduction from Julia Buckley MP: Policy and format of the Roundtable

12.35pm – SESSION ONE A: What has changed in the Shropshire SEND system?

Introduction from Councillor **Andy Hall**, Portfolio Holder for Education and Youth (3 mins)

Introduction from Councillor **Ruth Houghton**, Portfolio Holder for Social Care (Adults and Children) (3 mins)

Introduction from **David Shaw**, Director of Children's Services at Shropshire Council: **Overview and explanation of changes in SEND locally** (10 mins)

To include:

- Ofsted assessment
- National intervention
- Introduction to the Hub model

David to then introduce his team followed by brief introductions of their roles and responsibilities from:

- **Sharon Griffiths**, Designated Social Care officer for SEND (2 mins)
- **Lisa Taylor**, Principal Educational Psychologist and Preventative Lead **or John Rowe**, Head of Education, Quality and Safeguarding (2 mins)
- Followed by introduction to the rest of the team: **Sam Wenlock**, Designated Social Care Officer for SEND and **Amanda Allcock**, Service Manager Adults

12.55pm – SESSION ONE B: Introduction to the NHS team by Jen Griffin (5 mins)

- **Jen Griffin**, Designated Clinical Officer for SEND
- **Kate Hidden**, Occupational Therapist
- **Jessica Roose and Amy Morris**, BeeU Emotional Health and Wellbeing Service

- **Kate Medhurst** - Children's Community Nursing

1.00pm SESSION TWO A: What isn't working well (Part 1)?

- Introduction from **Sarah Thomas from Parent Carer Council Shropshire (PACC)** (5mins)
- Introduction from **Joanne Ralphs from Shropshire Education for Neurodiverse** (5 mins)

1.10pm SESSION TWO B: What isn't working well (Part 2)? (50 minutes)

Feedback from Parents

- EHCPs
- Transport
- Other areas of difficulty

2.00pm SESSION THREE: Feedback into the Government White Paper (30 mins)

- What principles should underpin the new system?
- What should happen before children arrive at school, is there more you would like to see government doing to support families earlier?
- What practical ideas do you have to achieve this?
- What additional steps do you think could be taken to ensure that more schools were set up to meet children's needs?
- If you could put just one measure into the government's Schools White Paper what would it be and why?

2.30pm SESSION FOUR: Informal discussion (45 mins)

Tea and coffee will be made available and all the stakeholders will be available for discussions on specific areas to follow up individually or in groups.

3.15pm Roundtable ends

A full report will be produced summarising the points made and circulated to all participants.