

Haringey Safety Valve Programme Progress Update

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Summary of Safety Valve Projects

Demand management

Commissioning

Culture, Governance and Leadership

A.1 SLT

B1.1 Primary ASC capital

C.1 Core standards

A.2 Autism

B1.2 Secondary and post 16 ASC capital

C.2 Culture change

A.3 SEMH pathway

B.3 Complex needs capital

C.3 Process mapping

A.4 Thresholds and Annual Reviews

B.4 Alternative Provision (oversight)

C.4 WFD

A.5 SEND Supported Internships

B.2 and B.5 Placements (including post 16)

A.6 Early Years

B.6 Bandings and Top Ups

[Overview of the Safety Valve Programme \(PDF, 488KB\)](#) and [Haringey Safety Valve Project Summaries](#)

Summary Report for February 2024

The aim of these projects is to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND and through the implementation of an early intervention and graduated approach which will reduce the number of EHCPs to be in line with London and National averages.

Main points of progress:

- **A1: Speech, Language and Communication Graduated Response:** Continue to provide training and support to primary schools for the delivery of the SLCN Pathway. KPI set in place to measure impact of SLCN pathway delivery; reporting being established. Agreed to the principles of the soft impact KPI metrics – including Whittington and LBH data stream requirements.
- **A2: Increase capacity in mainstream schools to meet needs of autistic children:** A full review and assessment is currently being undertaken to assure ourselves that focus support continues to be provided. In terms of referrals. Measurable outcomes to be generated and supported as part of the graduated pathway monitoring (outcome of the Task and Finish Group meetings).
- **A3: Increase capacity in mainstream schools to meet needs of children on SEMH:** Working group convened, incorporating wider work on EBSA. Agree to review the SEMH mainstream capacity especially with regards to autism (project A2).
- **A4: Thresholds and Annual Reviews (AR) of EHCPs:** During late January the Adult Continuing Healthcare needs awareness training for EHCP assessment team was undertaken. Rollout of EHCP training now completed.
- **A5: Review of Post 16 offer:** Now onboarding for Sept.'24 new intakes – two information sessions have taken place already. Open Day planned in February was successful engagement and a blueprint for more heightened engagement to take place in May.
- **A6: Early Years Funding Review:** PID reviewed. EY workshop being held during March to provide further assurance on projected increase in demand, revised proposal now drafted. Overall savings target remains on track.
- **B2 and B.5: Commissioning and Brokerage:** Currently reviewing all pre and post 16 placements to mitigate drift due to lack of resources and capacity but full time Commissioner in place to expedite progress. SEND and AP Sufficiency Strategy has now been published, key focus on developing post 16 provision for SEMH and post 19. Task and Finish group now working through options.
- **B.4 Alternative Provision:** HLP post 16 provision extended until Aug 25 to enable provision to be developed, from Sept 25, HLP will return to being a PRU.
- **B.6 Bandings and Top Ups:** Banding descriptors approved at Cabinet on 6 Feb. Moderation completed and proposals for funding to bands will be discussed at Schools Forum on 14 Mar. Options include short term within financial envelope resulting in increased funding to mainstream settings and a reduction to special schools capped at 3% of minimum funding guarantee.
- **B.8 Transfer from Schools Block:** SOS approved the 0.5% transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block. Key risk identified, HNB grant settlement was estimated to be 3% but is 2.3% which will create a gap in the savings target, work underway to identify mitigation.

Workstream B Capital Projects – Summary Report for February 2024

Aims to increase school placement capacity, and commission services that bring about a best value, within the borough, and ensuring that funding follows the child.

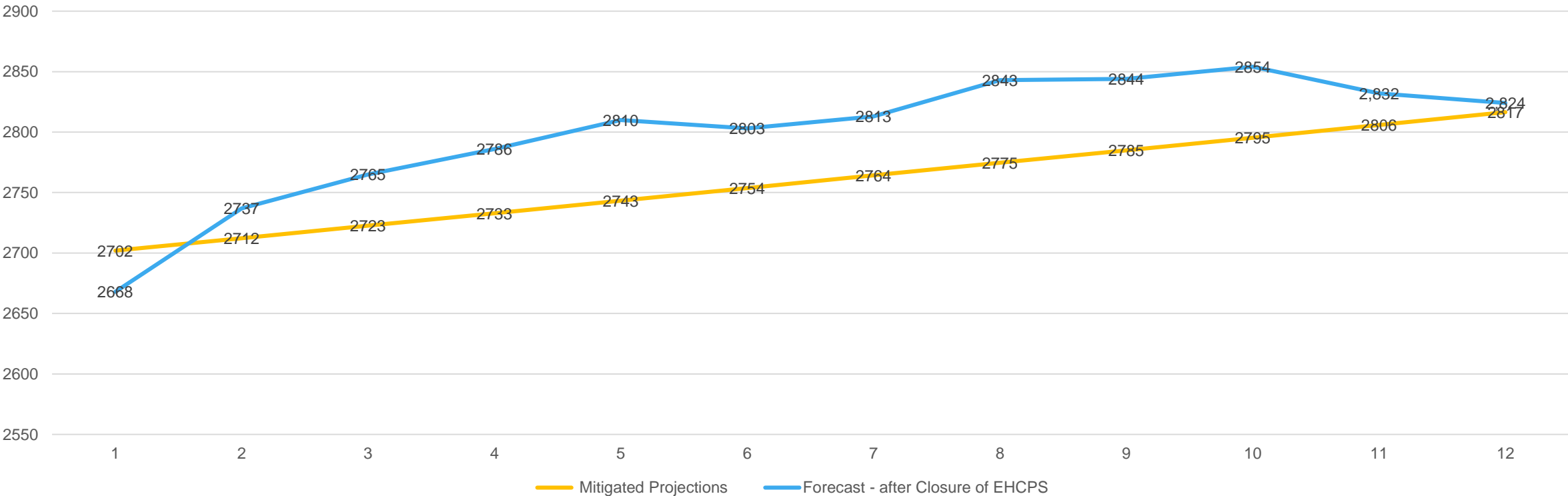
- Cabinet approval was given on the 6 Feb for 118 new placements to be created. Proposed Schools have been identified; however all are at different stages of viability.
- Four the six sub-groups are now active and both primary provisions have been out on field visits to learn from best practice to ensure they can be prepared for the indicative go-live dates.
- **Alexandra Primary** – Primary SEMH x 10 places – Separate cohort meeting scheduled for matching and profiling. Contractor visiting to conduct surveys. Plan to open Sept 25
- **Earlsmead Primary**– Primary ASC x 15 places – Contractor working on the designs, meeting to be organised around cohorts, meeting also taken place on new sensory room. Plan to open Sept 24
- **The Brook** – Primary SLD x 10 places –timelines will be provided on projects for temp and modular building – Plan to open Sept 25
- **Park View (St Mary' site)** – Secondary and Post 16 SEMH x 34 places - Governor's meeting organised for March to discuss programme and next steps. Date for opening TBC
- **Riverside**– SLD x 15 places – Secondary site, additional space has been provided as part of safety valve. – Open
- **Fortismere Secondary** – Secondary and Post 16 ASC x 34 places – Date for opening TBC

Safety Vale Measure- Forecast EHCP's to 31st March 2024

Haringey's DSG Plan submitted in January 23 forecasts that by 31st March 2024 there will be 2,817 active EHC Plans after mitigation.

As at the January 2024 , Haringey had 2,854 active EHC Plans, however after the closure of the EHCP's for young people no longer in education, it is anticipated that this will reduce the number of open EHCP's by the 31st March 2024.

January 24
Forecast EHCP's as at 31st March 2024



February 24- Forecast Deficit against DFE Safety Valve Agreement

The Table below shows that Haringey is still on target, with a favourable position of £0.07m in 2023/24.

Application of Safety Valve Funding- Update Jan 24	Actual	Actual	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Projected Opening Deficit before Safety Valve and Mitigation Plans	-£21.61	-£23.83	-£26.30	-£29.22	-£31.07	-£31.78	-£30.45
Opening Deficit after Safety Valve and Mitigation	-£17.02	-£21.61	-£11.87	-£11.38	-£11.28	-£10.14	-£7.86
In Year deficit	-£4.59	-£2.22	-£2.50	-£3.02	-£1.86	-£0.80	£1.29
Less Safety Valve Funding	£0.00	£11.96	£2.99	£2.99	£2.99	£2.99	£5.98
Closing Deficit at year End	-£21.61	-£11.87	-£11.38	-£11.40	-£10.28	-£8.09	-£0.82
Safety Valve Agreement		-£24.40	-£26.40	-£29.20	-£30.80	-£31.40	-£29.90
Variance Against Safety Valve Agreement		£0.57	£0.07	-£0.02	-£0.27	-£0.38	-£0.55

Stakeholder and Comms Engagement

- The latest updates on key milestone events and timelines regarding the Safety Valve programme can be accessed on the public domain:
<https://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/local-offer>

February

- Bandings and Top Up Moderation
- LA Briefing for Schools and Governors 5 Feb
- Cabinet 6 Feb
- Schools and SEND Partnership Forum 7 Feb
- Schools Forum 8 Feb
- Safety Valve Steering Group 14 Feb
- SEND Engagement Event with Parents and Carer 28 Feb

Planned events/sessions in March

- Bandings and Top Ups Briefing Special Schools 1 Mar
- Bandings and Top Ups Briefing Primary Schools 5 Mar
- Bandings and Top Us Briefing Secondary Schools 6 Mar
- Schools and SEND Partnership Forum 13 Mar
- Safety Valve Steering Group 13 Mar
- Schools Forum 14 Mar
- Primary Heads 19 Mar and 20 Mar



Ways to get involved and learn more about the programme



- [Overview of the Safety Valve Programme which supports children and young people with SEND in Haringey](#)
- [Monthly Highlight reports published on Local Offer](#)
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