

Haringey Safety Valve Programme Stakeholder Progress Report December 2025

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Summary of Safety Valve Projects

Demand management	Commissioning / Capital	Culture, Governance and Leadership
A.1 SLT – Speech, Language & Communication	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 – Social, Emotional Mental Health pathway	B.3 Complex needs capital	C.3 Process mapping
A.4 Thresholds and Annual Reviews	B.4 Alternative Provision (oversight)	C.4 Work Force Development
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 Safety Valve Programme](#) and [Haringey Safety Valve Project Summaries](#)

Summary Report for Month End November 2025

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:** The SLCN pathway is continuing to ensure that all settings are using the graduated response consistently. The LEEP screening has been rolled out to 428 settings. The team are continuing to ensure the pathway is used correctly.
- **A2: Increase capacity in mainstream schools to meet needs of children with Autism:** Children are continuing to be supported with intervention. The Project is business as usual.
- **A3: Increase capacity in mainstream schools to meet needs of children with SEMH:** The pathway to support children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs has been established and has been operating since September 2024 in schools. You can refer to it here: [Social, Emotional Mental Health \(SEMH\) Guidance for Schools](#)
- **A4: Thresholds and Annual Reviews (AR) of EHCPs:** The team are currently processing on average 45 annual reviews a week. This is an increase of nearly 50% on last year. Timeliness of annal reviews is currently at 61%. this is an increase of 4% on the previous month.
- **A5: Review of Post 16 offer:** 8 interns have begun their internships with Mencap Training Academy and have begun their first placement rotations. The number of disability confident employers continues to be an area of focus. [send-supported-internship-brochure-2025-v5-compressed.pdf](#)
- **A6: Early Years Funding Review:** The introduction of the Early Years Inclusion Fund is continuing to work well, providing funded support for children aged under 5 without an EHCP.
- **B2 and B.5: Commissioning and Brokerage:** Haringey is continuing to look at its sufficiency strategy and how we work with other local authorities to ensure value for money. Work is progressing with the procurement team to publish a new framework for tuition.
- **B.4 Alternative Provision:** To meet Post 16 cohort needs; a 1-year pilot for Post 16 arts and media places at Big Creative Training (BCT) in Waltham Forest has been commissioned, commencing Sept 25. This service meets both preference and need for a group of new and returning learners. A contract for 14 places has been secured at a lower unit cost per place than the previous cost per place.
- **B.6 Bandings and Top Ups:** Our new bandings model is in place from this academic year ensuring we have an equitable funding system for children to be supported wherever they choose to learn. This will be reviewed Jan 2026.
- **B.8 Transfer from Schools Block:** Secretary of state approved the 0.5% transfer from Schools Block to High Needs Block

Strategic Overview: Safety Valve Capital Update

- **Earlsmead Project RP (ASC) (B1.1)** - delivered one year ahead of schedule with 3 children attending provision, **3/4** additional pupils are expected to be phased into the provision during this financial year, bringing the total number of pupils to **6**. The provision is on track to reach full capacity with **15** pupils by FY 2028/29.
- **Riverside (Complex needs expansion) (B3.1)** - The Riverside project was also delivered a year early, and all pupils have now been successfully phased in.
- **The Brook(Complex needs expansion) (B3.2)** – The Brook project was due for completion by September 25 and has a planned intake of **10** pupils for this financial year, with a further **8** pupils expected to be admitted in 2027/28. These works were completed in October after a slight delay.
- **Alexandra Primary Project RP (SEMH) (B7.1)** - The Alexandra Primary project was due for completion by September 2025. Construction is now expected to complete by January 2026 The children are continuing to be educated at South Grove until the end of this term.
- **Fortismere Project RP (ASC) (B1.2)** - collaboration between the school and Fortismere is productive, The SLA is in the process of being finalised. Discussions are taking place with regard identification of cohort from September 2026 as part of phase transfer. Scheduled to go live in September 2026.
- **Park View Project RP (SEMH) (B7.2)** - Site surrender of St Mary's is all going to plan, in early discussions with Park View with regard additional challenges as a result of being a split site, The ARP is expected to be in place for September 2026 **Total number of Placements: 126**

Safety Valve Measure- Forecast EHCP's to 31st October 2025

The Graph on the next slide compares the number of active EHCP against the Safety valve target and expected number of plans if there had been no mitigations in place.

The current number of Plans at 31st October 2025 is 3,054.

- **The Green line:** This shows the estimated increase in EHCP as of 31 March 2026, had there been no mitigations in place would have been 3,544 plans.

Assumption:

Haringey are using the agreed rate of growth at 10% whereas the LGA National Growth percentage between 2024 and 2023 stands at just over 11% as at LGA 23rd April 25.

- **The Blue line:** As of March 2026, Haringey's Estimated number of EHCP will be **3,102**.

Assumption:

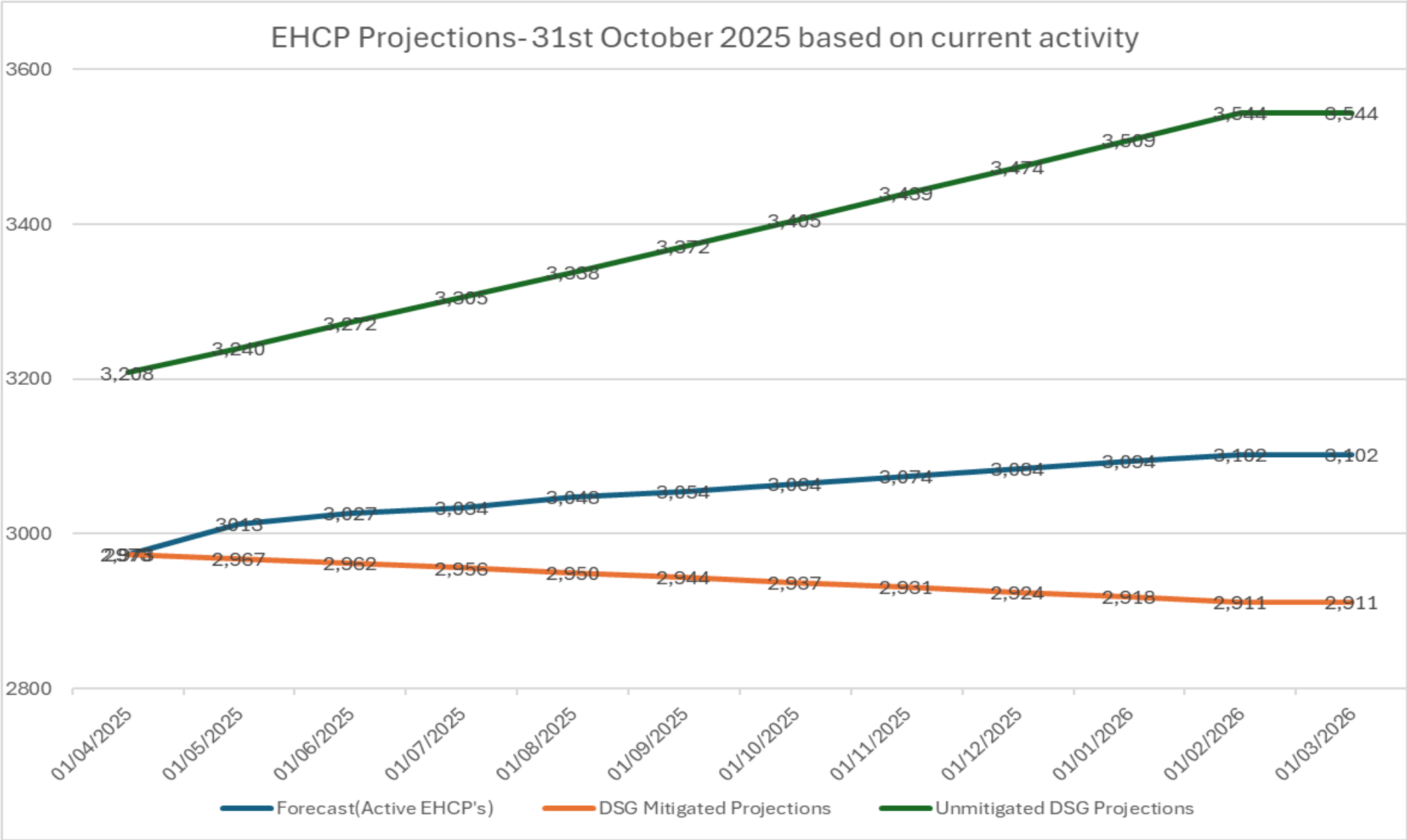
This is subject to change, projections based on actual as of 31 October 2025, plus 4% growth.

- **The Orange line:** This shows the revised target for EHCP of 2,911.

Assumption: This is the target set at the beginning of the programme with an amount factored in for Growth which is projected at 4% up to the end of the financial year 2026.

Had we done nothing we predict we would have had 3,544 plans as of 31 March 2026, the safety valve target was to have 2,911 plan at that time. Our estimated number of plans is 3,102. This is 191 over the SV target, but 442 less than if we had not put in place the mitigations.

This Graph shows the estimated number of EHCP (mitigated, unmitigated and actual number)



2) Financial analysis as at 31st October 2025

This slide is to offer a more detailed explanation of the 3 following Slides that contain financial information, based on the Estimated financial Forecast for the Safety Valve Programme as at 31st October 2025 therefore subject to change.

TABLE 1

The Safety Valve Programme Targets and the Delivery to date. The items highlighted in Green are the items that we expect to achieve their targets. Please note the the majority of the targets are Cost Avoidance rather than Cash Savings. For example, in the B Projects, we are creating additional capacity in our Mainstream schools which will avoid the need for independent Placements.

TABLE 2

The Graph shows the estimated Unmitigated forecast, Mitigated forecast and the Safety valve target from the beginning of the programme to the end of the SV programme.

This Graph also shows as at P7 31st October 2025, for this financial year 25-26. The Estimated Unmitigated Forecast of £42.86m, the estimated mitigated forecast is £32.48m and the Safety Valve Target is £30.80m for this financial year. The variance between the Unmitigated and Mitigated is £10.38m and the variance between the Mitigated and the Target is £1.68m.

TABLE 3

This Slide shows the following:

- Actual Spend in 22/23, 23/24 and 24/25.
- Estimated forecast in 25/26, 26/27 and 27/28 as per Period 7 and is subject to change.
- It shows the information in Table 2 in figures, with more financial information including the Estimated expenditure and DSG income allocation, estimated in 26/27 at 3% and 27/28 at 2.3%.

Safety Valve Programme Targets and Delivery to Date as at 31st Oct 25

Green-
Savings
at or
above
delivered

Amber -
Partial
delivery
of
savings

Blue-
Early
Delivery/
of
savings

Safety Valve Programme Targets	2024/25	2025/26 Revised as at Oct 25	2026/27 Revised as at Oct 25	2027/28 Revised as at Oct 25	Total
	In Year Forecast £000	Revised Forecast '£000	Revised Forecast '£000	Revised Forecast '£000	Revised Total '£000
A1. Review Therapeutic Support for Speech & Language Communication	-133	-158	-167	-176	-633
A2. Increase Capacity of mainstream schools to meet the needs of children with Autism	245	£728	£683	£694	1,682
A3. Increase Capacity of mainstream schools to meet the needs of children with SEMH	0	168	288	400	856
A4: Threshold and Annual Reviews of EHCP	774	£1,280	£1,648	£1,275	4,977
A5. Increase Supported Internships for young people with EHCP's	0	541	1,024	1,789	3,354
A6. Early Years Funding Review	286	£417	£784	784	2,871
Total Demand management Reviewed	1,173	2,976	4,260	4,766	13,107
B1.1 Develop primary and ASC Resource Units in mainstream schools.	-17	180	375	266	575
B1.2 Develop secondary and ASC Resource Units in mainstream schools.	0		139	1,353	2,203
B2: Ensure cost-effective commissioning & brokerage of services	403	348	643	1,118	2,512
B3. Complex needs	382	732	1,270	1,466	2,151
B4. Review of Alternative provision and funding model	349	349	349	349	1,396
B5. Commissioning post 16 learners	123	197	830	920	2,070
B.6 Remodel financial support\top ups to mainstream schools.	400	-568	-437	-521	-1,075
B.7.1 Develop primary resource SEMH Resource Units in mainstream schools	0	-42	91	379	884
B.7.2 Develop secondary resource SEMH Resource Units in mainstream schools	0	0	139	287	1,788
B.8. School Block Transfer to High Needs Block	1,129	1,167	1,167	1,167	4,630
Total Commissioning Reviewed	2,769	2,363	4,566	6,784	17,134
SV Programme Total	3,942	5,339	8,826	11,550	30,241

Stakeholder and Comms Engagement

The latest updates on key milestone events and timelines regarding the Safety Valve programme can be accessed on the [Safety Valve Programme webpage](#).

Upcoming

- Schools Forum 4 December
- SEND Executive 9 December
- Safety Valve Steering Group 10 December
- Special Heads 12 December



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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