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PROGRAMME UPDATE

SECTION 4. Dudley Council – SEND team update

Recently the Council agreed to increase the funding for the SEND Team from the Councils General Fund. This has enabled us to review the SEND Team structure and we have started formal consultation with staff in order to enhance, grow and develop the SEND team. This week, we have held multi-agency recruitment panel (including education and parental representation) interviews for the second Team Manager. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful and the position will be re-advertised in January 2020 on the [WM Jobs website](#). Please see the [attached job description](#) and feel free to share with anyone who may be interested in joining the team.

On 11th December, special school heads and members of the SEND team attended training around legal responsibilities and responses in regards to SEND consultations and Tribunals. This training has highlighted a number of areas which can support development of processes within Dudley and as a result of this, some additional guidance will be developed by SEN team and clearer paperwork for schools to follow for SEND consultations will be created.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Karen Mckinnery to the team who joins us as Quality Assurance Lead. Karen will play a key role as we develop the detailed SEND Team Transformation project, a part of the wider SEND Improvement Programme. A couple of key priorities that Karen will be focusing on is ensuring the quality of the EHCP and how we start to move towards a “Think Family” approach with the child at the centre of everything we do.

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