

Birmingham DBV Programme Update

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- The Department for Education (DfE), in collaboration with Newton Europe and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), is working to Deliver the Better Value in SEND programme (DBV in SEND).
- The programme aims to support local authorities and their local area partners to improve the delivery of SEND services for children and young people whilst working towards financial sustainability.
- BCC has secured a £1m Grant from the DfE to deliver the benefits identified within the two workstream areas .
- WS1 - Develop a shared understanding across the local area including schools and settings about what needs can, and should, be met in mainstream, RB and special schools, in line with the expectations of the national SEND and AP Improvement Plan 2023 thereby further developing SEN leadership capacity across the SEND system, including in schools and settings.
- WS2 - Reviewing funding arrangements, including SSPPs, to ensure that there is clarity for schools and settings about how much money they will receive for each pupil and how the decision regarding funding has been made

Birmingham DBV Progress to Date

- Governance has been developed and established.
- Project plans have been developed.
- Workstream Project Group Meetings will begin in November 2024.
- Recruitment of an experienced finance person to support Workstream 2.
- First Quarter report submitted to DfE, and review meeting held on progress.
- Risks and interdependencies are being identified and mitigations put in place.
- Thank you to the Head Teachers who have come forward to support both workstreams.