Local Authority Views on Reforms

A Somerset Perspective

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Challenges

• Joint Commissioning

• Resources

• Unidentified SEN pre 16

• Managing expectations

• Education, Health and Care Plan

• Local Offer

• FE Sector
Joint Commissioning

- Move from silo working to co-operative working
- Shared budgets/ Pooling Budgets
- Contributions
- Understanding the post 16 education landscape
Resources

- Staff – stretched but eased by additional funding

- High Needs Budget – 2013/14 - overspend is £495,418

- FE Colleges – 411 HN students - £1,990,064.00

- ISP Colleges – 55 HN students - £2,446,282.00

- Special School 6th Forms – 87 HN students - £1,061,129.00

- Independent schools 6th Forms – 11 HN students - £334,302

- Non Maintained Special School 6th Form – 4 HN students – £232,644

- School 6th Forms – 11 HN students - £41,141.00
Managing Expectations

• 0 – 25 years
  – Parent/Carer (mis)understanding
  – Colleges managing expectations
  – What’s on offer
    • Length of provision
    • Moving from Independent to FE and vice versa
Education, Health and Care Plans

- Existing Plans will have a post 16 LDA appended to plan
- Post 16 now subject to appeal and tribunal
- Post 16 can now be named in EHC Plan
- Focus shifts from parent to young person
- Outcome focussed
LOCAL OFFER

• Central to everything – get this right ….?

• Massive task
  • Consultations ongoing
  • IT resources
  • Keeping it up to date
Somerset FE Sector

- Post 16 still the Cinderella of education
  - Pre 16 to post 16 transition
  - Flexibilities
  - Year 12 Provision for Medical Students
  - Contract for Element 3
  - Personal Budgets
  - Outcomes
  - Revolving doors
Questions