



SEND Glossary

Inspection & Local Area System glossary .

SEND- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

OfStEd- Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills

CQC- Care Quality Commission

SEF- Self-Evaluation Framework — our own assessment of strengths and areas for development.

JSNA- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment — population-level data used for planning.

EHCP / EHC Plan- Education, Health and Care Plan — a legal plan for children with significant and long-term needs.

SENDCO / SENCO- Special Educational Needs Coordinator in a school.

AP- Alternative Provision — education outside mainstream school for children who need a different approach.

APST- Alternative Provision Strategic Taskforce — a team supporting schools to prevent escalation into AP.

LISO- Local Inclusion Support Offer — the single "front door" for schools to request help.

DSR- Dynamic Support Register — a multi-agency list of children at risk of crisis who need joined-up planning.

EBNA- Emotionally-Based Non-Attendance — when a child struggles to attend school because of emotional or mental health reasons.

EHE- Elective Home Education

SLCN- Speech, Language and Communication Needs.

SALT / SLT- Speech and Language Therapy / Therapist.

CAMHS- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

MHST- Mental Health Support Team — supports schools with wellbeing and early mental health help.

ND- Neurodevelopmental — relating to autism, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental conditions.

ADHD- Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

ASC / ASD- Autism Spectrum Condition / Autism Spectrum Disorder. (Use Autism where possible.)

ND Hub- Neurodiversity Hub — Rochdale's early help pathway for autism/ADHD needs, offering workshops, drop-ins and advice without referral.

SPOA- Single Point of Access — the central triage point for mental health referrals.

EY- Early Years (0–5 age range).

HV- Health Visitor.

ICB- Integrated Care Board — NHS regional body responsible for health commissioning.

NCA- Northern Care Alliance — NHS Trust providing paediatric community services.

GM- Greater Manchester.

LMS- Learning Management System — digital training platform.

ELSEC- Early Language Support for Every Child DfE-funded programme.

SEN Support- Support for children with SEND without an EHCP, delivered by schools.

Balanced System- A national framework to help areas improve SLCN across early years, schools and specialist services.

Elklan- Training for staff on supporting children's communication needs.

WellComm- A screening and intervention toolkit for early years communication.

CANDO- parent-led early intervention programme via Whatsapp

Padlet- An online digital noticeboard where resources and information are shared.

Riding the Rapids- A parenting programme for families of neurodivergent children.

#Thrive- A community emotional wellbeing service offering early support outside school.

Family Hubs- One-stop centres offering support for families with children aged 0–19.