



Working in Partnership

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Mutually beneficial



Or just a bit difficult....



Who is NatSIP?

National Sensory Impairment Partnership is a partnership of organisations working together to improve outcomes for children and young people with sensory impairment.

Includes charities, professional bodies, local authorities and schools.

Why work in partnership?

- Pooling of knowledge and achieving shared objectives – improved outcomes for children and young people
- Like deaf children, children with VI or who are MSI/deafblind are a low incidence group educated locally and out of the area
- More efficient use of resources and improved access to funding

Project examples

- Developing publications and training materials to support frontline workforce
- Development of an eligibility framework for specialist support to ensure greater consistency across all regions
- Outcomes benchmarking data collection to provide robust information and facilitate planning

NatSIP work for 2016-17 (within the DfE contract as strategic delivery partner for SI)

- Establishing a 'what works' database of resources for professionals within a Sensory Learning Hub on the NatSIP website
- National programme of face to face training and support
- Online CPD training for frontline staff
- Guidance on outcomes and developing EHC plans
- Establishing a technology advisory group