

# THE SEND FRAMEWORK: COMPLIANCE & BEST PRACTICE 2015

4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE26<sup>th</sup> November 2015, London*NEW FOR 2015 – 2 EVENTS IN 1*

**MEET YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE  
SEND CODE OF PRACTICE TO BEST SUPPORT PUPILS**



**Manage the  
transition from  
statements to EHCPs**



**Meet duties for  
co-production and  
engage all parents**



**Leave with a clear  
guide of the SEN  
funding system**

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# WELCOME

*"What I need is a legal policy refresher that also deals with the practical problems that have emerged in the last year since the Code of Practice came into force"*

SENCO, July 2015

The Code is clear in setting out your responsibilities for working with parents of SEND students and managing the transition to Education, Health and Care Plans. However, in reality, meeting these new obligations is proving challenging for schools across the country. Are you confident your school is compliant? Do you know what best practice now looks like nationwide?

Now in its 4th year, **THE SEND FRAMEWORK: COMPLIANCE & BEST PRACTICE CONFERENCE** is your opportunity to ensure you are meeting your latest obligations in line with the Code.

By attending this exclusive **'2 in 1' event** you will take back to school both the **essential legal updates** needed to ensure you are in line with the law, as well as **workable and practical strategies** to aid the implementation of your new responsibilities.



## SPEAKERS INCLUDE [Read more about our fantastic line-up of speakers at www.oeconferences.com/SEND15](http://www.oeconferences.com/SEND15)

### Gareth Morewood

SENCO, Priestnall School

Gareth D Morewood is Director of Curriculum Support (SENCO) at Priestnall School. He has worked voluntarily supporting parents and carers with SEND legislation and preparing cases for Tribunal.



### John Friel

Public Law Barrister,  
Hardwicke

John is a highly experienced practitioner with particular expertise in SEN law issues. He has extensive experience acting for local authorities, independent schools, maintained schools and governing bodies.



### Jackie Smith

Executive Headteacher and  
Strategic Lead, Uplands  
Primary School

Under Jackie's leadership Uplands has become a forerunner for SEN provision winning a number of national accolades, including the TES award for overall school of the year. Uplands is an Outstanding School.



### Mark Blois

Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP

Mark specialises in advice to schools and local authorities on the full range of legal issues, both contentious and non-contentious, including special educational needs, disability discrimination, admissions and exclusions.



### Pearl Barnes

Specialist SEN Teacher

Pearl is an experienced specialist SEN teacher and consultant. Her 25 years experience spans working across maintained, special schools and the independent sector.



### Tracey Eldridge-Hinners

Senior Associate, Veale  
Wasbrough Vizards

Tracey has over 20 years experience specialising in all areas of education law: advising schools and authorities on admissions and exclusions, special educational needs, parental complaints and disability.



## Why should you attend this event?

### LEGAL UPDATES

Gain essential compliance updates from leading SEND lawyers on vital topics such as:

- ✓ lines of responsibility within EHCPs
- ✓ meeting your obligations in line with the Equality Act
- ✓ preparation for a SEND Tribunal.

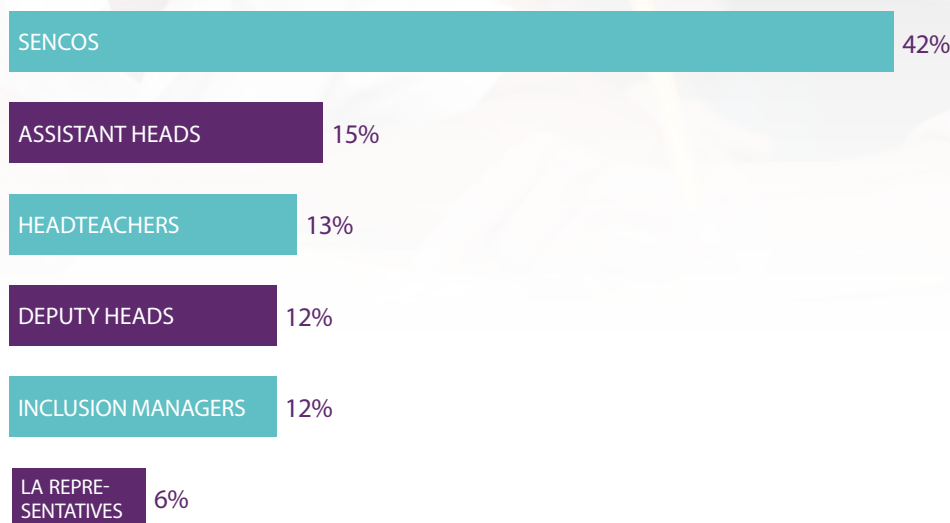
### PRACTICAL UPDATES

Take back to school best practice from leading SENCOs to meet challenges such as:

- ✓ how to meet your duties for co-production with parents
- ✓ upskill classroom staff and ensure every teacher is an inclusion teacher
- ✓ support parents to make good budget decisions.

## Who Should Attend?

Last year's attendees were as follows:



## What will you take back to school?

- Resource book containing speaker presentations and additional resources
- Advice and practical strategies from leading experts and top educational lawyers
- Certificate of attendance to demonstrate professional development
- Online access to speakers' presentations to lead training in your organisation

## What last year's delegates had to say:

*"Optimus events are always so well organised. All the information is relevant, well presented and extremely useful"*

SEND Manager,  
The Durham Federation

*"High quality, informed and professional speakers. Exactly what I need right now – motivating and confidence evoking"*

SENCO, St Andrew's RC

*"Interesting – very knowledgeable speakers and excellent content"*

Inclusion Manager, Donnington  
Primary School

## PROGRAMME:

09:00 – 09:45	Registration and Refreshments	
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Chair's Introduction and Welcome</b> <i>John Friel, Public Law Barrister, Hardwicke</i>	
10.00 – 10.40 <b>EHCPs – Agencies Working Together</b>	<b>How to manage the transition to Education, Health &amp; Care Plans: A best-practice panel discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain clarity on who is responsible for what</li> <li>• Take away best practice from an authority that is managing transition effectively</li> <li>• Learn how to overcome common challenges</li> </ul> <i>Panel facilitated by Mark Blois, Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP</i> <i>Perspectives from a local authority, school, health representative and parent</i>	
10:40 – 11:20 <b>SEN Funding Update</b>	<b>Leave with a clear guide to the new SEN funding system, how your budget is now calculated and what SEN students are legally entitled to</b> <i>Pearl Barnes, Specialist SEN Teacher, Pearls Training</i>	
11:20 – 11:50	Morning Refreshments	
11:50 – 12:50	<b>STREAMED SESSIONS 1</b>	
<b>1A</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>1C</b>
<b>EHCPs: Transition from statements</b> SECONDARY	<b>Co-production &amp; Parental Engagement</b> PRIMARY	<b>Personal Budgets</b>
<b>How to manage the transition to EHCPs – legal and practical guidance:</b>  <b>Legal Update:</b> Where do the lines of responsibility lie and what action to take if there is a lack of engagement  <b>Practical Update:</b> A best practice guide of what a good EHCP looks like and how to identify positive outcomes  <i>Mark Blois, Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP &amp; an Outstanding Secondary SENCO</i>	<b>Meet duties for co-production and engage all parents – what should you do?</b>  <b>Legal Update:</b> Clarify boundaries, what to do if a parent is not engaging and your duties for co-production  <b>Practical Update:</b> Learn what engagement strategies work and manage expectations of involvement  <i>Tracey Eldridge-Hinmers, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards &amp; an Outstanding Primary SENCO</i>	<b>Gain essential guidance on the legalities and practicalities of personal budgets:</b>  <b>Legal Update:</b> Know what you must and should do as a school if a parent requests a personal budget  <b>Practical Update:</b> Learn how to support parents to make good budget decisions  <i>Gareth D Morewood, Director of Curriculum Support and SLE, Priestnall School</i>
12:50 – 13:50	Lunch, Networking and Exhibition	



13:50 – 14:20 <b>Expert Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Get your questions answered by our panel of legal experts</b> <i>Mark Blois, Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP, Tracy Eldridge-Hinmers, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards &amp; John Friel, Public Law Barrister, Hardwicke</i> Plus, use our interactive tool <a href="https://www.sli.do">sli.do</a> to submit your questions anonymously	
14:20 - 15:20	<b>STREAMED SESSIONS 2</b>	
<b>2A</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>2C</b>
<b>EHCPs: Transition from Statements</b> PRIMARY	<b>Co-production &amp; Parental Engagement</b> SECONDARY	<b>Responsibilities – Classroom Teachers</b>
<p><b>How to manage the transition to EHCPs – legal and practical guidance:</b></p> <p><b>Legal Update:</b> Where do the lines of responsibility lie and what action to take if there is a lack of engagement</p> <p><b>Practical Update:</b> A best practice guide of what a good EHCP looks like and how to identify positive outcomes</p> <p><i>Mark Blois, Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP, Jackie Smith, Executive Headteacher &amp; Lin Mitchell, Assistant Headteacher, Uplands Primary School</i></p>	<p><b>Meet duties for co-production and engage all parents – what should you do?</b></p> <p><b>Legal Update:</b> Clarify boundaries, what to do if a parent is not engaging and your duties for co-production</p> <p><b>Practical Update:</b> Learn what engagement strategies work and manage expectations of involvement</p> <p><i>Tracey Eldridge-Hinmers, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards &amp; Pauline Parkes, SENCO, Finham Park School</i></p>	<p><b>How to ensure classroom teachers are meeting their new requirements:</b></p> <p><b>Legal Update:</b> Clarify the new obligations placed on classroom teachers and ensure they meet these responsibilities</p> <p><b>Practical Update:</b> Implement a whole-school training programme to equip classroom staff with the knowledge and skills to support SEND students</p> <p><i>Pearl Barnes, Specialist SEN Teacher, Pearls Training</i></p>
15:20 – 15:40	Afternoon Refreshments	
15:40 – 16:30	<b>STREAMED SESSIONS 3</b>	
<b>3A</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>3C</b>
<b>Equality</b>	<b>Tribunals</b>	<b>Medical Needs</b>
<p><b>Comply with the Equality Act 2010: Meet your obligations for providing reasonable adjustments and meeting the needs of your disabled students</b></p> <p>This session includes working through real life scenarios – learn how to identify the weak spots in cases and avoid tribunals</p> <p><i>Mark Blois, Partner, Browne Jacobson LLP</i></p>	<p><b>Preparation for a SEND tribunal: Clarify what evidence and paperwork your school must prepare for first-tier tribunals</b></p> <p>Take away a clear guide including templates and best practice advice from a leading SEND lawyer</p> <p><i>John Friel, Public Law Barrister, Hardwicke</i></p>	<p><b>Legal guidance for meeting your responsibilities and duties towards students with medical needs</b></p> <p>Understand your new duties and take away a clear checklist to ensure compliance</p> <p><i>Tracey Eldridge-Hinmers, Senior Associate, Veale Wasbrough Vizards</i></p>
16:30	Conference Close	

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