Attendance, Inclusion and the Move to EYES

Presentation by Cilla James - 10/11/2026

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Joined-up inclusion

Attendance now sits within a wider Education Inclusion structure to strengthen links between attendance, early intervention, community support and wider education services. Attendance support to schools will continue.

Service structure

The inclusion offer spans school inclusion and improvement, Accessing Education, specialist commissioning, EHCP services and the Early Intervention and Community Service.

Accessing Education

Cilla James leads Accessing Education, including Elective Home Education, Legal Attendance, and Section 19 and attendance functions, supported by their senior officers and teams.

Attendance leadership

Responsibilities are shared across Cilla James, Becky Atkins and Andrea Jordan, connecting legal attendance, whole-school attendance, Targeted Support Meetings, child and family support, health and multi-agency work.

Future network model

A locality-based inclusion meeting model is proposed for 2027, bringing primary and secondary schools together while keeping attendance central. Schools' feedback will shape the final design.

Move to EYES

From March or April 2027, new portal routes are expected for Elective Home Education, Section 19 and legal attendance. The MRI portal arrangement will end, with guidance and training to follow.