



## Briefing Note: Highest Needs Review - Draft Cabinet paper on Scope and Terms of Reference

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### Purpose of Report

The purpose of this Briefing is for you to:

- **Note** we have attached an updated draft Cabinet paper on the Scope and Terms of Reference for the Review of Interventions for Students with the Highest Level of Learning Needs (the Review) after receiving your feedback.
- **Note** that we will send out the updated draft Cabinet paper for departmental consultation early next week, as agreed by you.

### Proactive release

**Agree** that this Briefing will be proactively released once the Cabinet paper has been agreed by Cabinet.

Agree / Disagree



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## Background

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1. Last week we provided you with the Education Report: Highest Needs Review: What we heard, scope and Terms of Reference [Metis 1265369 refers].
2. You agreed to the proposed scope of the Review.
3. You then provided feedback on the first draft Cabinet paper and we have made amendments in response [Metis 1266551 refers].

## Draft Cabinet paper

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4. We have attached the updated draft Cabinet paper and its appendices which set out the scope of the Review and the draft Terms of Reference for you to consider.
5. We have added paragraphs 5, 6 and 19 to include the narrative around inclusion.
6. We have reworked paragraphs 42 to 44 to provide clarity regarding wider system issues raised by stakeholders during the first phase of engagement and significant other pieces of work already underway that are looking at other aspects of the system.

## Next Steps

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7. The updated draft Cabinet paper will be sent out for departmental consultation.

## Proactive release

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8. We recommend that this Briefing is proactively released once the Terms of Reference have been agreed by Cabinet.

## Appendices

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Draft Cabinet Paper on Scope and Terms of Reference for the Highest Needs Review

- Appendix One : Summary of Engagement for Phase One of the Highest Needs Review
- Appendix Two : Highest Needs Review Terms of Reference

Appendices withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv)

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