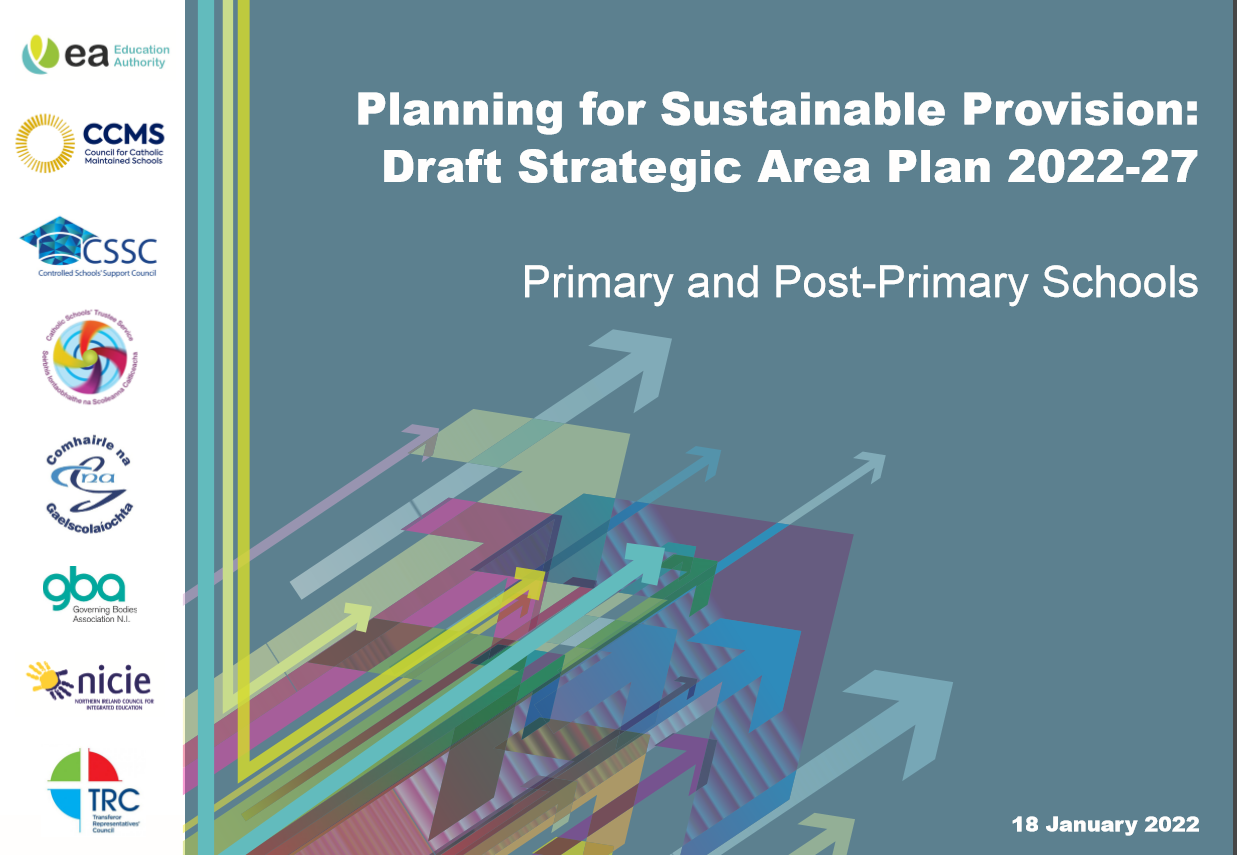
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| **Who are we?** |

* The Education Authority (EA) is responsible for education services in Northern Ireland including schools and support services.



* The EA’s job is to make sure that children and young people’s needs are being met.

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| **What do we want to do?** |

* The EA is asking for your views on a draft Strategic Area Plan.
* A strategy is a plan over a long time. This draft Strategic Area plan is for 5 years.
* Your views will help us to write the final plan.

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| **Background** |



* There are too many schools for the number of pupils.
* There has been a drop in the number of pupils.



* Some schools have a small number of pupils.

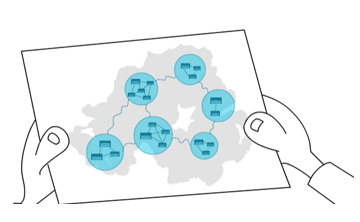


* Some schools have the right number of pupils and some schools have too many pupils.

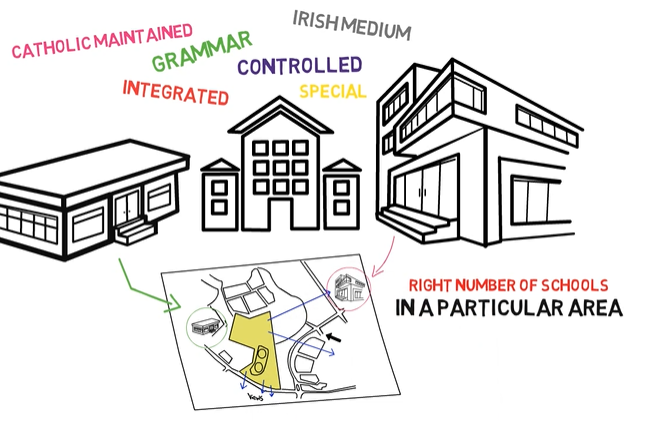
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| **Background** |



* + Area Planning will improve the quality of educational provision for all pupils by:

Providing a network of sustainable schools that are of the:

* right type,
* the right size,
* located in the right place at the right time.



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| **Background** |



* To help us in Area Planning there are four Key Themes:



* Equal access to education



* Sharing and working together

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| **Background** |



* Use resources well



* Money for classrooms and buildings

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| **What are we going to do?** |



* We want to provide all pupils a high quality educational experience in sustainable schools.



* We want to help all children and young people to succeed.

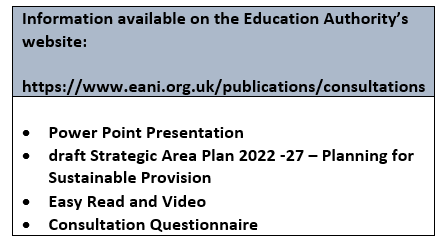


* We want to make sure there are enough schools for now and for the future.

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| **Getting people’s views** |



* To find out what people think about the draft plan we are holding a public consultation. At this consultation, everyone will be able to give us their views.



* We are having online meetings on:

3 February 2022

9 February 2022

2 March 2022

10 March 2022



* We want to hear the thoughts of children and young people. The Education Authority’s Youth Service will meet with children and young people.

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| **How can I put forward my views and comments?** |

**You can …….**



* Tell us what you think by going online and filling out a form:

[<https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations>](https://www.eani.org.uk/publications/consultations)



* Go to an online consultation meeting and give your comments.



* Write to the EA: [DraftSAP2@eani.org.uk](mailto:DraftSAP2@eani.org.uk)

or

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Education Directorate, Area Planning

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| **What happens next?** |



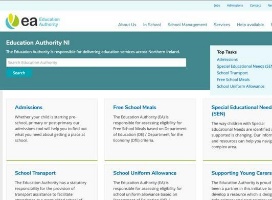
* + The consultation will be from

Tuesday 18 January 2022 (12 noon)

to

Tuesday 12 April 2022 (5 pm)

* The Education Authority will think carefully about what you have told us.



* You can find a summary of what everyone has said at [www.eani.org.uk.](http://www.eani.org.uk/)