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LOCAL AREA SEND (LASEND) INSPECTION UPDATE REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Executive Director	Deadline date: N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the latest position regarding the findings of the SEND Local Area Inspection and the associated Written Statement of Action as attached in Appendix 1 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report originated at the request of the HWB Agenda Setting Group.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 This report is being presented to:

- Feedback on findings of the SEND local Area Inspection and progress on the associated Written Statement of Action

2.2 This report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.8.3.4

To keep under review the delivery of the designated public health functions and their contribution to improving health and wellbeing and tackling health inequalities.

2.3 This report links to the Children in Care pledge: Support Children in Care to have a good education.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

4.1 Statutory duties

The Council and its partners has a number of statutory duties that are outlined in the SEND Code of Practice 2014 which includes the duty to produce Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP's).

4.2 LASEND Inspection Context

Between 10 June 2019 and 14 June 2019 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC), conducted a SEND inspection of Peterborough local area to judge the effectiveness of the implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms in the Children and Families Act 2014 and to review the area's provision for children and young people with SEND.

Three inspectors were involved: Heather Yaxley HMI, Deborah Mason, Ofsted and Paula Morgan, CQC.

As part of their work the inspectors reviewed documentary and published evidence, the Local Offer website and information from a 'webinar' with parents/carers which took place in the week before the inspection.

The inspectors carried out the on-site inspection over 5 days with formal verbal feedback provided on the fifth day.

Inspectors spoke with children and young people with disabilities and/or special educational needs (SEND), parents and carers, local authority and NHS officers. They visited a range of providers and spoke to leaders, staff and governors about how they were implementing the special educational needs reforms.

Inspectors looked at a range of information about the performance of the local area, including the local area's self-evaluation. Inspectors met with leaders from the local area for health, social care and education. They reviewed performance data and evidence about the local offer and joint commissioning.

4.3 SEND Local Area Inspection – Findings: Areas of Strength

The strengths identified were:

- Co-production of plans and services is well established. Children, young people, parents, carers and professionals work well together to improve services.
- Leaders use a variety of methods and opportunities to engage with families.
- SEN coordinators and SEND Hubs were praised for their proactive approach in responding to feedback and meeting the training needs of staff in settings across the city and therefore staff are becoming better informed and confident to pick up early identifications of SEND.
- The new Joint SEND strategy and provision for short breaks are good examples of meaningful and thorough co-production between professionals and parents and carers.
- Supported internships offer an increasing number of young people with SEND paid employment.
- Children and young people with complex health conditions get good support from the well-established children's community nursing service.

4.4 SEND Local Area Inspection – Findings: Areas for development

Ofsted and the CQC published the final report on 13 August 2019. The report indicates that the inspectors agreed that their findings chimed with Peterborough's own self evaluations and many areas of strength were identified. However, they had significant concerns about the need for improvement in the 5 areas set out below:

- Joint planning, including commissioning, and intervention are not sufficiently well

- established to make sure that all agencies and services play an active role in meeting the requirements of 2014 disability and special educational needs reforms.
- There is no quality assurance framework for the local area's work for children and young people with SEND. Intended outcomes for children and young people are not targeted, measured or evaluated well enough to inform leaders about the impact of the work to implement the reforms effectively.
 - The current arrangements for the DCO in relation to the implementation of the reforms do not allow the post holder to fulfil the obligations of the role sufficiently.
 - Early support is well embedded for children in early years but does not follow through in all areas of the lives of children and young people as they get older. It takes too long for children, young people and families to get the support they need.
 - The provision for young people aged 18 to 25 is not sufficiently developed to make sure that young adults have the full range of opportunities and support that they need as they move through into adulthood

4.5 **Written Statement of Action (WSOA)**

The local area were required to produce a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) to address the areas of development outlined in the report. The WSOA was co-produced by a working group that consisted of partners from education, health, social care and our parent / carer forum, who received advice and guidance directly from the DfE to support completion. The WSOA was submitted to Ofsted within the required deadline of 15 November 2019.

On 4 December 2019, PCC received a letter informing that Ofsted and the CQC accepted the WSOA as 'fit for purpose', save some additional recommendations. These included:

- Ensuring that social care leaders have a sufficient impact on actions;
- That the statement make adequate references to specific measures that include reviewing changes made and addressing outcomes for all aged 0-25
- To make outcomes for those aged 18-25 more specific.

The WSOA has been uploaded on the Peterborough website to enable parents, carers and young people to see how we are planning to address the challenges outlined by the inspection findings.

The WSOA highlights the following workstreams led by a senior accountable sponsor:

Workstream 1: Joint Planning and Commissioning Including Interventions

Senior accountable sponsor: Wendi Ogle-Welbourn, Executive Director, People & Communities, PCC/CCC

Workstream 2: SEND Quality Assurance

Senior accountable sponsor: Jonathan Lewis, Service Director Education PCC/CCC and Alison Bennett, Assistant Director Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, PCC/CCC

Workstream 3: Role and Arrangements for the DCO

Senior accountable sponsor: Marek Zamborski, Senior Responsible Officer, CCG

Workstream 4: Getting Support Early

Senior accountable sponsor: Raj Lakshman Consultant in Public Health Medicine PCC/CCC and Karen Moody, Head of Prevention and Early Help Services, PCC/CCC

Workstream 5: Provision and Opportunities for Young Adults aged 18-25

Senior accountable sponsor: Debbie McQuade, Assistant Director Adults Social Care, PCC

Each of the workstreams have a range of actions and have dedicated delivery partners to ensure that the actions are competed and implemented to achieve the intentions and impact necessary to improve joint working across Peterborough.

Ofsted and CQC are anticipated to return to re-inspect within 18 months (from May 2021).

4.6 Monitoring Visits

The Department for Education and NHS England conduct a number of monitoring visits during the 18 month period – between acceptance of the WSoA and the reinspection.

The first monitoring visit is scheduled for 25 February 2020.

As part of the process for the monitoring visit, the local area are required to submit a proforma outlining key activities since the WSoA was accepted. Headline activity is listed below:

- All workstreams have active working groups addressing key issues. These groups have met on a regular basis and are developing action plans which are linked to the Joint SEND strategy and the actions from the WSoA
- There is a steering group which is linking the key workstreams together and ensuring they are on track with the wider activity from the WSOA
- From this there has been a young person's event linking the key workstreams and identifying priorities from young people themselves around key areas.
- Adult ICES re-tender commenced January 2020 (new tender from April 2021) and the public engagement process commenced January 2020 (includes children and young people).
- Publication of the revised 'provision of continence products' pathway on the Local Offer website
- Interim arrangements (to relieve immediate pressure on DCO) for a 6-month secondment arrangement for a full time Children's Complex Cases (LD/MH/ASD) keyworker has been in place since January 2020
- Children's Complex Cases Commissioning Team restructure has been agreed at COT meeting in January 2020. HR Consultation process will be undertaken during February 2020
- Monthly highlight report for the Joint Child Health & Wellbeing Commissioning Board now includes SEND DCO reporting. The CCG will negotiate the WSoA and SEND Strategic Action plan into provider contracts for 2020/21
- SEND Health operational working group has been established, with health providers, PCF and Statutory Assessment Team engagement and participation. Terms of Reference for this group have been reviewed and updated to identify key priorities for 2020. Areas of focus – improve health advice and information on EHCP's, improve health information available on Local Offer web pages, training and development
- Initial practice development workshop session completed to enhance the facilitation skills of the SEND Health Champions in January 2020
- The Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Health group held an Annual Health Check (AHC) focused workshop, with action plan developed. A questionnaire was completed by young people at a recent PfA event to ask about whether they know about AHC's and whether they had had one. The action plan will be reviewed at next meeting in March 2020
- SEND in Reception event held in October 2019, with further termly events
- Children on the Early Support Pathway who entered reception in September 2019 have been given the opportunity to be retained on the Early Support Pathway
- Lead officers for the 'Every Contact Counts' workstream of the Best Start in Life programme held a focus group in December 2019, the outcome of which will be taken back to the next meeting of the wider implementation group
- Clear reference to SEND is now within the Healthy Child Programme specification
- A task and finish group has been identified to look at specific outcome measures for children with SEND. The first meeting was held in January 2020. It was agreed to look at the EYFS profile outcomes for children with SEND

- Questions in relation to whether or not children / young adults have SEN needs have now been made mandatory on the Early Help Module case management system at point of completing the Early Help Assessment
- A KPI Task & Finish Group has been set up, with the first meeting in February, to identify initial KPIs
- Two weekly remedial action plan meetings to monitor progress of reduction in waiting times have been established
- Joint work is taking place between the neurodevelopmental service and Area Senco to provide briefing sessions to SENCO's
- The Local Transformation Plan has been updated
- A mental health needs assessment has been completed
- The SEND Health Group will review transition pathways on the local offer at the next meeting in February
- Strategic transitions protocol to be commenced in April
- Updated service specifications will include transitions / PFA arrangements for CYP with SEND through 2020/21
- The Curriculum Group are reviewing and reflecting on increased offer for activities for young adults post 16 with an EHCP

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 There is on-going consultation, as part of a co-production routine throughout the workstreams for the Written Statement of Action. In addition:

- The Peterborough SEND Partnership Group met in December and January to review action taken on the Joint SEND Strategy and the Peterborough Written Statement of Action
- A range of Preparing for Adulthood meetings have been held to discuss key areas of the WSoA
- The Joint SEND Executive Board met in October to review and comment on the WSoA before submission and will monitor progress at the next meeting in February

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 The intended outcomes covered by this report are focussed on improving the provision for SEND by maintaining standards that are recognised as good, or better by Ofsted and CQC and by delivering a joint strategy for SEND across both Peterborough and Cambridgeshire which enables our pledge to 'Make SEND everybody's business' to widen awareness and knowledge of how support services can improve outcomes for all across the community.

It is anticipated that this will have a neutral impact on the councils carbon emissions as the way services are delivered will not directly change as a result of this report.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 HWB members to be sighted and feel assured that appropriate action is being met to meet the recommendations of the Written Statement of Action.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Do nothing – this would likely result in the DfE reporting lack of progress to the Minister.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

9.1 None.

Legal Implications

9.2 None.

Equalities Implications

9.3 None.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1: Written Statement of Action