

SEND Executive Board

Monday 15 May 2023

10 – 12 via Teams

	Action- Arrange feedback to be given in next meeting	EW
3	Minutes of last meeting	
	No comments	
4	APP 18-month Review Feedback	
	<p>Document and PDF outcome letter provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th April Review meeting in relation to the Accelerated Progress Plan • Meeting was largely supportive- acknowledgement of the challenges Newcastle has but also the progress being made • 2 key areas remain a challenge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeliness of education health and care plans • Inclusion data (Exclusions remain significantly higher than want them to be) • As per usual practice a letter has been received in relation to the outcome of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that the letter was only addressed to the LA and not the ICB despite the focus on the 'area' • DT met with Dfe on 12.5.23 and DfE acknowledged this and will ensure key leaders of the ICB are also included • Sending JE and DT a list to review who should be on • The evaluation provided to the APP session will form the basis of the self assessment <p style="text-align: center;">Action- Formally review this in the next board meeting</p> • APP can be published on the local offer 	DT
5	SaLT Peer Review	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review of SaLT services within CNTW and NUTH • This provided positive feedback and where required areas to strengthen in services • Working group are now finding how to take this forward • Meeting with NUTH on 12.5.23- all agreed that they need to make changes to meet the new needs of children in the city • Moving to more generalist approach and work on waiting lists and services redesign • Now mapping out across the city what is currently offered in both special schools within CNTW, NUTH and OT and everything across the system to see where we need to make changes to meet the needs of Newcastle children 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 reports produced - one for CNTW and one for NUTH. It was confirmed that both services have had sight of the reports <p>Action- JE/EW to share reports with SEND Executive Board</p>	JE/EW
6	<p>Overview of mental health, learning disability and autism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA updated and advised that there are significant pressures on CNTW in relation to the neural development pathway waiting list • Referrals continue to grow despite there being subcontracts e.g with Psychology UK, Toby Henderson Trust • Hoping now that there has been a pre and post diagnostic support offer for Newcastle that families are not being left with unmet needs • The Chair asked if there was an increased need- is it an issue about staffing and resources or is it about info and support that does not rely on a diagnosis of need and support for a parents • CA responded that this was all of the above. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No one foresaw the increase in the requirements • Some people think that having the diagnosis is important to be able to receive the support and services that they need which is why the pre diagnosis support is key <p>Support for mental health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of parents think that once they get the diagnosis the support cuts off, they want more support before and after • How do we spread the information better so that parents know about it and can use it • Eg CNTW recently have setup help events so any families on waiting lists will be invited to them • Work is also being completed on the LO page to make the information clearer <p>ICB forward plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Around mental health, learning disability and autism- mainly focusses on adults but applies to children as well. <p>Action- Children’s document to be shared for review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments welcome- there is expected to be a children's plan too. <p>Action- Arrange Review of document in future meeting</p>	CA EW
7	<p>Draft SEND Local Area SEND strategy</p> <p>PowerPoint presentation provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session that was held with Council for disabled children was well attended • Pulled together the information in this draft strategy for us to further consult on • 2 proposed priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right support right time 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting it right together • All actions agreed going forward will fall underneath one of those priorities • We want to make sure that the actions agreed reflect the actions that people need and want us to achieve, across the system • Will be a 5-year plan. <p>Action- share SEND Strategy presentation with all relevant stakeholders. It will be published online and ask people to complete the electronic survey (last slide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey is open until the end of June • Collect the feedback and reshape the strategy with the aim of getting it produced shortly after that. • Reflecting from SEND voice lead- lots of feedback historically- parents and carers annoyed how long it takes to get change following feedback 	All
8	Impact of DSR	
	Item moved to later meeting.	
9	Update on SEND Early Years Hub	
	<p>Paper shared.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of people wanting to visit the resource • Open sessions requested <p>Action- Program of open days to be produced and circulated</p>	DT
10	Descriptors of need moderation event	
	<p>Document provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive feedback from the descriptors of need, especially at SEND subgroup • Schools have found it really empowering when they've used the documents helped to build confidence in SENCo identify and needs • Moderation event on 23 June at Gosforth Park Hotel so that schools can learn from each other on how they apply those descriptors of need. • The second part of the event is to work with NUTH and CNTW around the universal offer- so that when services are referring to the universal offer, it's a collective understanding • Everyone is encouraged to attend 	
11	Briefing for Partners re Local area SEND inspection following key learning points from Hartlepool	
	<p>PowerPoint Presentation provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hartlepool shared audit tools • Inspectors will be looking at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children on SEN support • Children on EHCPs • Cases that they can deep dive into • Looking at audits and what records colleagues have on those children 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone needs to have the same information on the child- not always the case• Hartlepool have sent an audit tool which is being tested- some learning to be had with respect to this• Important:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools need to know if they have SEN and at what level• They need a copy of the plan• Information needs to be shared across the system <p>Action- Share slideshow with teams</p> <p>Hartlepool feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Challenged around knowing that the child had SEN and at what level• Had to do a presentation of the local area• Asked do they know if they have groups of children which are over/ underrepresented in SEN support and EHCPs- need to be aware of specifics in local area not just know national trends	All
12	Health Scrutiny SEND update report	
	<p>Document provided</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Produced for health and social Care Scrutiny Committee• Based around autism and addressed waiting lists• Give broader overview of SEND e.g APP updates, exclusion, suspensions, timeliness• Remind colleagues that we haven't had a successful school bid despite the bid being approvable. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on send early years, SEND strategy and inspection framework• Significant wait times across the under 5s and over 5s.• Key priority was to increase capacity within the under 5s diagnostic team- to improve waiting times and offer additional support to families where needed• NUTH have appointed a specialist nurse within that under 5s diagnostic team and that nurse is providing some post diagnostics support to families where needed.• Need to think about ways to ensure families know what is available to them	
13	Update on SEND commissioning (inc. AP and SENDIAS)	
	<p>Streamlining of commissioning of alternative provision for the city</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently commissioned by the local authority or schools directly• We have a list of approved contractors which we advise schools to use• Due to increased demand, decided to move forward with a framework solution<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each contractor will be pre-approved in a competitions process over the summer• From September, hoping to be able to Commission arrangements electronically- ask all providers if they can meet the needs of a young person; they come back with their offer	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces dependence on one or two contractors that may be called up• Quality of providers to be at a level that everyone's preassigned up to• Create competition in the market to improve pricing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Event tomorrow involving 15 providers- more than we currently work with and new names.• Quality of providers is a big focus of the procurement- need specific standards (from OFSTED and CQC) <p>Reprocuring the SEND transport framework (currently on a significant overspent in relation to SEND transport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Moving away from a closed framework towards a dynamic procurement system (DPS)- open to new providers all the time• Currently can't accept new taxi firms meaning capacity has been reached• With a DPS we can accept providers on at any time• DPS does have high resource requirements- used transformation funding to solve that issue. Hoping that within two years there will be a new framework solution nationwide (currently does not exist)- making the best of it right now• All other authorities have moved to a DPS model too- we are using their best practice• Do have option to extend to four years for repurchasing• Downside: cannot do direct awards- come to an electronic solution now for short notice awards• Plan to go live in the next 2 weeks to begin the procurement process, to be in place for September <p>SENDIASS shortfall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Service is running at a deficit due to increased employment costs due to annual uplifts not being built into the budget• Currently exploring with the ICB	
14	AOB	
	Agree to use next meeting (Monday 10 July) as Development session	
15	Date and time of next meeting	
	Monday 10 July 2023, 10 - 12	