

## **Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14 September 2017

### **Report of the Head of Service: Policy, Information and Commissioning (Start Well)**

#### **Part I**

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

### **Refreshed Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Joint Commissioning Framework 2017-2019**

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### **Executive Summary**

A Joint Commissioning Framework between the County Council and Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) has been in place since 2014 to help demonstrate the commitment of local commissioners to develop shared commissioning and delivery models to meet the diverse needs of children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) in the county. The existing Framework covered the period 2014 to 2016 and now needs to be refreshed.

A refreshed draft has been developed in collaboration with CCG representatives and is due to be tabled for collective agreement at the Collaborative Commissioning Board, comprising senior officers from the County Council and CCGs, in October 2017.

#### **Recommendation**

The Cabinet is recommended to agree that County Council officers seek to obtain collective agreement, through the Lancashire Collaborative Commissioning Network, of the draft Joint Commissioning Framework for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their Families 2017-2019.

#### **Background and Advice**

Commissioning and service provision of services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Lancashire is complex, with

responsibilities shared across Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), The County Council, NHS England, and NHS Trusts. Schools, colleges and early years settings will also provide an element of funding, as appropriate, to meet the needs of individual children and young people.

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The draft attached as Appendix 'A' provides an overarching framework for joint commissioning between the County Council and CCGs, covering issues including:

- An overview of the commissioning landscape and responsibilities for collective decision making in joint commissioning arrangements
- The Lancashire SEND Local Offer which brings together information which is intended to be helpful to children and young people with special education needs and their families
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Personal Budgets
- Dispute resolution
- Priorities highlighted by children, young people, parents and carers and the approach to collaborative engagement
- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- Key areas for improvement and subsequent priorities for action.

The draft Framework is proposed to be tabled for agreement by the Collaborative Commissioning Board, comprising of senior officers from the County Council and CCGs, in October 2017.

Cabinet are recommended to agree that County Council officers seek to obtain formal collective agreement of the draft Framework through the Collaborative Commissioning Board.

## **Consultations**

The draft framework includes priorities identified locally by children, young people, parents and carers and arrangements for collective engagement.

The Children and Maternity Services Collaborative Commissioning Network, comprising County Council, CCG and Unitary Authority representatives, have led the refresh.

The Lancashire County Council Transforming SEND Board, comprising County Council, CCG, school and parent carer representatives have reviewed and agreed the draft.

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

Failure to agree a refreshed Joint Commissioning Framework will diminish our ability to work collaboratively with CCGs across Lancashire and to ensure that we jointly address issues which will improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their parents/carers.

### **Financial**

There are no financial liabilities arising from the Framework. Specific joint commissioning activity will continue to be subject to the appropriate governance arrangements for decision making.

### **Legal**

There are no legal issues arising from the Framework. Appropriate legal frameworks, such as Section 75 agreements, will be established to support specific joint commissioning where appropriate and will be subject to the appropriate governance arrangements for decision making.

### **Equality and cohesion**

The Joint Commissioning Framework will support the achievement of improved outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

### **List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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