

## Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 10 September 2019

### Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Partnership – forthcoming revisit by Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) and the assessment of progress

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

Lancashire local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services were inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in November 2017 to judge how effectively the special educational needs and disability (SEND) reforms had been implemented, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. The inspection identified two fundamental failings and twelve areas of significant concern.

Partners in Lancashire were required to produce a Written Statement of Action, setting out the immediate priorities for action. Progress on the implementation of these actions has been monitored by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England. The Written Statement of Action has been updated and any ongoing actions included in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Partnership Improvement Plan for the period April 2019 to December 2020. The Health and Wellbeing Board received an update on progress at their last meeting in July.

Formal review visits by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England have taken place since April 2018 to consider the progress being made in line with the Written Statement of Action; the most recent being on 19 August 2019.

#### Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Receive a presentation to outline the process of the forthcoming re-visit by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC);
- (ii) Summarise the assessment of progress to date;
- (iii) Share the process in place to accelerate progress where this is required.

#### 1. Background

1.1 The Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Partnership Board is responsible for ensuring the delivery of the Written Statement of Action and the updated version known as the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Improvement Plan.

1.2 Progress on these plans has been reported bi-monthly to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Special Educational Needs (SEND) Partnership Board using a red, amber, green rating.

1.3 Preparation for the forthcoming re-visit by Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) to the Lancashire local area has been taking place; the visit will assess the progress made in addressing the twelve areas of concern detailed in the original report.

1.4A summary of progress against the initial Ofsted findings and recommendations has been prepared by the local area SEND Partnership and this was shared with the Department for Education (DfE)/NHS England at the last review meeting on 19 August.

## **2. Re- Inspection of the local area**

2.1 The local area is expecting the re-visit to take place before the end of October 2019, in line with the guidance set out in the Handbook for the inspection of local areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities - part 3, attached at Appendix'A'. A presentation to outline the process will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.2 In preparation for the re-visit the Special Educational Needs Department Partnership Board will consider the self-assessment at its next meeting on 16 September 2019. A summary of the self-assessment will be shared as part of the presentation.

2.3 Where there is a need to accelerate progress, more detailed plans have been developed; these will be considered by the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Partnership Board on 16 September and the process shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of the presentation.

### **List of background papers**

*Handbook for the inspection of local areas' effectiveness in identifying and meeting the needs of children and young people who have special educational needs and/or disabilities - Part 3 – Appendix 'A'.*