

Children's Services Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11 April 2018

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - Service Update

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides an overview on information to be presented to members on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service update following the outcome of the SEND joint local area inspection in November 2017.

Recommendation

Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the information presented and to identify any areas they may wish to comment on; and
- ii. Identify any further actions required following this update.

Background and Advice

Between 13 November and 17 November 2017, Ofsted and the CQC conducted a joint inspection of the local area of Lancashire to judge the effectiveness of the area in implementing the special educational needs and disability (SEND) reforms, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.

As a result of the findings of the inspection, and in accordance with the Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI) has determined that a written statement of action is required due to the significant areas of weakness in the local area's practice. HMCI has also determined that the local authority and the area's clinical commissioning groups are jointly responsible for submitting the written statement to Ofsted. The outcome letter is attached at Appendix 'A'.

The findings of the inspection were presented to the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 31 January 2018. It was agreed at this [meeting](#) that an update on progress following the outcome of the joint inspection would be presented to members at the 11 April 2018 meeting of the committee. An invitation

to this meeting was also extended to all members of the Education Scrutiny Committee.

The following information will be presented to members:

- School performance in Lancashire
- Local area SEND inspection update including information on the:
 - Written Statement of Action
 - DfE & NHS England Monitoring
 - Engagement Strategy
 - Improvement Partnership Team
 - Task and Finish Groups
- Lancashire Parent Carer Forum including information on the:
 - Constitution of a new Lancashire Parent Carer Forum
 - Engagement with parents & carers locally and representation on the SEND Partnership Board
- Representation by children & young people (POWAR)
- Positive Outcomes Evaluation Tool with survey response and initial findings
- High Needs Block Funding

In attendance, there will be representation from both SEND and School Improvement services.

Members will be requested to consider the information presented and to identify any areas they wish to comment on. In addition, members will be asked to identify any further actions required following the update.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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