

Response from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (L&SC ICS) to the recommendations of the Supporting Pupils at Special Schools with Medical Conditions scrutiny task and finish group report.

The task and finish group recommends that Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria give consideration to:

1. Provide assurance from the children's champion and SEN lead within the Integrated Care System/Sustainability Transformation Partnership governance structure, that should emergency/secondary support be moved from their current locations to ensure the location of all special schools in Lancashire will be taken into account.

Response from the L&SC ICS:

Engagement with stakeholders is a key component of the commissioning process. A commissioning redesign of this scale would not only ensure engagement to inform the design but is likely to require formal consultation. The SEND Partnership governance arrangements provide us with a robust mechanism to engage and consult with all stakeholders and to be informed not only of the needs of children and young people, but the current provision available across the L&SC geography.

The ICS is also working to develop more robust integrated services closer to home, within local neighbourhood/community footprints. As the majority of support is provided by community services, should changes in the acute provision be considered, there should be limited impact to children within special schools.

2. Review and implement improved methods of sharing clinical information (including tertiary care) in a timely manner with special schools and providers and removing NHS jargon.

Response from the L&SC ICS:

The requirement for improved communication and information sharing to provide more person centred and holistic care is recognised by the ICS as important and is a key work programme.

Data Sharing is also governed by strict rules which need to be adhered to and require all organisations to gain the appropriate consent to information sharing, in this case, parents and / or young people depending on age and capacity.

The ICS information workstream is happy to work with the SEND Partnership to ensure that appropriate data sharing is in place and adheres to the necessary regulations.