

**Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**  
Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

**Lancashire SEND Partnership Improvement Plan**  
(Appendices 'A' to 'C' refer)

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**Executive Summary**

This report provides members of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee with a progress update on the Improvement Programme and Plan as requested at the 13 May 2019 meeting of the committee.

**Recommendation**

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Note the reports provided at Appendices 'A' to 'C'
- ii. Consider and discuss the progress update on the Lancashire SEND Written Statement of Action and the mitigating actions where deadlines have not been met.

**Background and Advice**

The Lancashire local area SEND inspection was carried out by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in November 2017. The purpose of this inspection was to see how well the local area was fulfilling its responsibilities for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. The inspectors identified two fundamental failings and twelve significant areas for improvement.

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. Formal review visits by the 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 Written Statement of Action has been updated and any ongoing actions included in the SEND Partnership Improvement Plan for the period April 2019 to December 2020.

At the 13 May 2019 meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee (see below link to meeting papers), members were provided with the Lancashire SEND

Partnership Improvement Plan 2019-2020 and an update on progress towards achievement the required improvements ahead of the Ofsted re-visit, which is due to take place before October 2019.

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1260&MId=9950&Ver=4>

At this meeting, it was felt that further detail was required on progress and that an invitation to the 3 July meeting be extended to the partnership leads for the four thematic areas covered by the Improvement Plan.

Attached at Appendices 'A' to 'C' to this report are the following documents:

- Lancashire SEND Written Statement of Action (final version)
- Lancashire SEND Partnership Improvement Plan 2019-20 (updated June 19)
- Lancashire SEND Partnership Improvement Plan 2019-20 Progress Report

Members are requested to note these updated reports, consider the progress made and the mitigating actions where deadlines have not been met.

A presentation will be provided to the committee which will provide a summary of the outstanding actions from the Lancashire SEND Written Statement of Action, carried forward into the Lancashire SEND Partnership Improvement Plan 2019-20.

## **Consultations**

The Improvement Plan was the subject of extensive consultation with partners, parent carers and young people.

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

The local area is required to make 'sufficient progress' in implementing the Written Statement of Action as determined by Ofsted and ensuring the positive impact of this action on children, young people and families. The Secretary of State for Education can require intervention where it is judged that sufficient progress has not been made.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

NA