

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board
Meeting to be held on Monday, 22 March 2021

Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Partnership - Update on the Accelerated Progress Plan
(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides members with an update on the progress of the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) on the five areas requiring improvement since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee on 3 February 2021.

Recommendation/s

The Health and Wellbeing Board – SEND Sub Committee are being asked to:

- i) Note the progress of the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) on the five areas of concern, including the areas highlighted in 'red' or 'amber'; and
- ii) Challenge and question progress on the work being carried out to deliver the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP), including highlighting any particular areas of concern that the SEND Partnership is to provide further assurance on.

Background

The Lancashire SEND Accelerated Progress Plan (APP) has now reached the mid-way point in delivery, with the Department for Education and NHS England conducting their 6 month monitoring meeting on 24th March 2021. This report provides the update position at this mid-way point, including the key successes, risks associated with delivery, and the monthly highlight report for February.

Summary of the Update on the Accelerated Progress Plan (APP)

Delivery of the Accelerated Progress Plan continues, with most actions on target. Many of the delays with Action 5 (Local Offer) that resulted from the wait for a new member of staff to start in January have been addressed and tasks have been completed, with a clear plan for other tasks to be delivered within the period of the Accelerated Progress Plan.

There is an on-going risk with adult service engagement within healthcare providers, however this had been escalated and an action plan is now in place to ensure this situation is managed.

A monitoring meeting will be taking place with the Department for Education and NHS England and NHS Improvement on Wednesday 24 March 2021 and evidence has been submitted to support this visit. The evidence is based around a request in advance of the

meeting from the Department for Education and illustrates the processes and systems in place to capture the impact of the work to date against the five areas. Officers will talk to this evidence at the meeting.

The information contained in the evidence relates to the Accelerated Progress Plan Key Performance Indicators enablers demonstrates the activity that is being delivered to achieve the outcomes expected by Department for Education by 30th September 2021. This is being used to illustrate the current position with delivery including slippage and will provide greater detail on the point of delivery that has been achieved with the Accelerated Progress Plan, along with assurance of the systems that are in place to ensure robust programme management supports the improvement programme.

Particular successes in February include the ongoing activity with the Autism Spectrum Disorder Recovery Plan, ongoing improvements with meaningful data and the commissioning intelligence dashboard, the completion of the draft continence policy (now referred to as the Bowel and Bladder Framework) ready for approval by the March Collaborative Commissioning Board, and the development of improved ways of engaging with parent carers through the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum to get feedback on the Local Offer.