

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on Monday, 13 September 2021

Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Partnership - Update on the Accelerated Progress Plan

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' 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 informal meeting of the Sub-Committee on 21 June 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 is now in the 4th quarter, with another monitoring meeting on the 29th September 2021. A check-point review meeting was held on the 28th July with senior colleagues from the Department for Education and NHS England who scrutinised progress with the five actions. The monitors have reported that they are pleased with progress and recognise the significant challenges faced due to Covid-19. The monitors advised that the focus of the review meeting in September is to be on impact. They will be looking for evidence that demonstrates the position at the start of the inspection process, the current position and the impact that has had on the lived experience of children, young people and their families along with a commitment to continuous improvement.

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

The actions within the Accelerated Progress Plan are currently on target for delivery in in all but one case. Our current position demonstrates that 97% of the actions are complete, and 3% (1 action) is delayed due to unavoidable Covid-19 related issues.

The Self-assessment report provides a detailed but concise illustration of the progress made. The document provides a clear response to the ask of monitors to demonstrate the position in March 2020, what we did, current position, impact and next steps against each

action. The Self-Assessment also provides the contents of the evidence log along with a training record.

The ask of the monitors is also reflected in the presentation to be delivered for the monitoring review. This presentation provides an overview of the overall position for each action area, along with feedback and KPI scores. Action 4, Transitions in Healthcare, remains an area for concern. However, work is now taking place in pockets with Primary Care and pace is increasing.

Particular successes since the last meeting in June the approval of the SEND Plan 2021-2025 by the SEND Partnership Board; SEND Plan 2021-2025 workshops held to support aligning service delivery plans with the SEND Plan and directing the work moving forward (next steps); launch of the SEND Directory on the Local Offer; the agreed data sharing protocol between health and the local authority and ongoing improvements with data to provide relevant and timely intelligence to inform decision-making.

List of included papers

- Lancashire SEND Accelerated Progress Plan Monitoring Presentation (Appendix A)
- Lancashire SEND Accelerated Progress Plan Self-Assessment (Appendix B)