

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

27 JUNE 2018

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

SEND JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

SUMMARY

The SEND Joint Commissioning Group has developed this 3 year shared strategy, involving partners from Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Public Health, Schools and Hartlepool & Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group. Parents, carers, children and young people have been integral to developing our priorities for action. It has been informed by the SEND Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and is in line with the requirements of the SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years.

The SEND Joint Commissioning Group and this Strategy forms one work strand as part of a wider SEND strategy, laid out in the *Stockton Local Area SEND Strategy 2017-2020*. This Strategy requires approval from HAST CCG's Executive and Governing Body as well as Stockton's Health and Wellbeing Board before it is finalised. The overarching *Stockton Local Area SEND Strategy 2017-2020* with the Joint Commissioning Strategy appended will be submitted to cabinet for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The board is asked to consider this strategy for approval

DETAIL

The purpose of this strategy is to:

1. Identify a set of key commitments and priorities that will underpin all joint planning and commissioning decisions around SEND
2. Form the basis for a review of SEND **service provisions** (including Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services, Speech and Language Therapy, physiotherapy and equipment provision) to be taken forward by the SEND Development Joint Commissioning subgroup, which will develop an action plan from this. It also provides a framework for effective joint **planning, understanding** and **review** of SEND services in the borough

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. As joint commissioning discussions develop in line with the priorities identified in this strategy and the review of SEND services is taken forward, financial implications will be considered.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. This strategy meets all Joint Commissioning requirements outlined in the SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. As joint commissioning discussions develop in line with the priorities identified in this strategy and the review of SEND services is taken forward, risk assessment processes will be carried out where necessary.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

6. As joint commissioning discussions develop in line with the priorities identified in this strategy and the review of SEND services is taken forward, community impact assessments will be carried out where necessary.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

7. Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention:

This strategy aims to enable delivery of more personalised and integrated support and improved outcomes for children, young people and their families with Special Education Needs or Disabilities.

Promoting equality of opportunity through targeted intervention:

Effective joint Commissioning can reduce unnecessary duplication of, or barriers between provision and the development of more efficient and cost effective service provision and ensure equity of access to and quality of services across the borough.

Developing Strong and Healthy Communities:

Through working together and putting in place joint decision-making processes, partners can use Joint Commissioning to support early identification of needs, prevention and outcome focused service delivery and work to improve the experiences of services that children, young people and their families have so that Stockton is a place children and young people can better realise their full potential.

CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

8. This strategy has been informed by the SEND Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which consulted parents, carers and young people in great depth to establish strategic priorities. This strategy has subsequently been subject to ongoing consultation from parents/carers and young people. Councillor Ann McCoy, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, was part of the development group for this Strategy.

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