

**CHILDREN'S TRUST EXECUTIVE SPONSOR: DEREK HIGTON,
SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR COMMISSIONING, RESOURCES & CULTURE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTEGRATED SEND COMMISSIONING STRATEGY
(2017-2019)**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Children's Trust Executive to approve the Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy for 2017-2019.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy sets out how Nottinghamshire commissioning partners, including the County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), will deliver the best possible services for children and young people with SEND through effectively utilising our reducing resources.
3. The Children and Families Act (2014) and Code of Practice for SEN (2014) places explicit duties on local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for developing joint commissioning arrangements for education, health and care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities.
4. These duties include the joint arrangements for commissioning services to improve outcomes for 0 to 25-year-old children and young people with SEND, including those with Education Health and Care (EHC) plans.
5. The Strategy builds upon the following two documents:
 - The Joint Commissioning Strategy for Disability and Special Educational Needs 2012-2014
 - Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's SEND Integrated Commissioning Strategy 2015-2017.
6. The Strategy identifies some of the key achievements achieved in this area of work, especially since the SEND Reforms in the Children and Families Act (2014) including the launch of the Integrated Children's Disability Service, and the

commissioning of the Integrated Community Children and Young People's Health Service.

7. The Strategy draws upon the learning from the Care Quality Commissioning (CQC) and Ofsted local area inspection of SEND in Nottinghamshire (June 2016) and the County Council's Review of SEND Arrangements (November 2016) which identified a range of strengths for the partnership to build upon, as well as a number of areas for development.
8. The Strategy identifies the key joint commissioning priorities for Nottinghamshire over the next couple of years. These include:
 - Personal budgets
 - Alignment of commissioning for individuals
 - Developing the effectiveness of the Integrated Community Children and Young People's Health Service
 - More Effective Preparation for Adulthood
 - Workforce Development
 - Improved Advice and Information
 - Co-production.
9. The Strategy is a supporting document of the SEND Strategic Action Plan. It will be monitored and reviewed annually by the SEND Accountability Board, and reported on an annual basis to the Children's Trust.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Children's Trust Executive approves the Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy for 2017-2019.

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Background Papers

Appendix A - Nottinghamshire Integrated SEND Commissioning Strategy (2017-2019)