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Agenda Item: 4

**Children's Trust Executive Sponsor: Derek Higton, Service Director for
Commissioning, Resources & Culture**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (2017-2019)

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Children's Trust Executive to note the Nottinghamshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategic Action Plan for April 2017 to March 2019, attached as **Appendix 1**.

Information and Advice

2. During 2015-2016, three significant reviews of SEND services in Nottinghamshire took place resulting in a number of recommendations for the development of services in the local area. These reviews were:
 - The Care Quality Commission and Ofsted Joint local area SEND inspection (June 2016) – please see **Appendix 2**.
 - The Nottinghamshire Review of Arrangements for Special Educational Needs and Disability (November 2016) – please see **Appendix 3**.
 - The Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disabilities Programme (September 2016).
3. The reviews identified a number of common areas for development, and the County Council's Children's and Young People Committee agreed to develop a multi-agency **SEND Strategic Action Plan (SSAP)**, to be monitored by a **SEND Accountability Board** representative of the partnership in Nottinghamshire.
4. The areas for development in the SSAP are grouped into four initial workstreams:
 - Plans and Pathways
 - Health
 - Education Provision (which has two strands: sufficiency and quality)
 - Preparing for Adulthood including the partnership's Transitions Pathway and Protocol.
5. The activities of the workstreams will be informed by the key themes of the local area SEND inspection framework:
 - The identification of Children and Young People who have SEND

- The assessment and Provision to Meet Needs
 - Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People.
6. The SEND Strategic Action Plan will be a live document which will be regularly monitored and reviewed by the SEND Accountability Board. An annual progress report will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 7. The **SEND Accountability Board** held its first meeting on 31 January 2017. The Board will lead and co-ordinate the continuous improvement of Nottinghamshire's implementation of the [Children's and Families Act 2014](#), and the [SEND Code of Practice](#).
 8. The Board provides the opportunity for partners in Nottinghamshire to fulfil the duty to co-operate, as outlined in Section 28 of the Children and Families Act (2014).
 9. The Board's membership reflects these partners including Nottinghamshire County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, schools and post 16 Learning Providers, and the Nottinghamshire Participation Hub which represents the views of parents and carers in the County.
 10. The Board will meet at least three times per year.

Other Options Considered

11. Separate action plans were considered for each of the three SEND reviews, completed in 2015-2016. The overlap in the areas for development which were identified by the reviews were considerable and it was decided that it would be more effective to develop a single multi-agency action plan for Nottinghamshire.

Reason for Recommendation

12. The SEND Strategic Action Plan brings together the key areas of development for SEND in the local area, providing a partnership approach to the continuous improvement of services, and outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

15. The SEND Strategic Action Plan is focused on improving the outcomes for children, young people with disabilities and their families. The SEND Accountability Board is

committed to delivering the Action Plan in co-production with children, young people and families.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Children's Trust Executive notes the Nottinghamshire's Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Strategic Action Plan for April 2017 to March 2019,

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Background Papers

Appendix 1 - Nottinghamshire's SEND Strategic Action Plan (2017-2019)

Appendix 2 - [Joint Local Area Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Inspection in Nottinghamshire](#)

Appendix 3 [Nottinghamshire review of arrangements for Special Educational Needs and Disability – final report](#)