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Agenda Item:6

Children's Trust Executive Sponsor: Derek Higton

**INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE WITH SEND – PROGRESS UPDATE**

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Children's Trust Executive on progress against the current Integrated Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND.
2. To ask for the Children's Trust Executive's endorsement to refresh the strategy in light of progress against the strategy, changes to provision that have occurred, and to incorporate recommendations from the recent CQC/OFSTED local area inspection.

Information and Advice

Background

1. It is a duty within the SEND Code of Practice for local areas to have an Integrated Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND.
2. Nottinghamshire has had a strategy in place since June 2014.
3. The strategy was last updated in March 2016. This was prior to several significant changes that have occurred in the local area with regard to children and young people with SEND. These changes are:
 - a. The launch of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) new Integrated Community Children and Young People's Healthcare (ICCYPH) Service (1st April 2016 onwards).
 - b. Integration of SEND and Children's Disability Services (CDS) in the local authority (1st April 2016 onwards with official launch of Integrated Disability Service in September 2016)
 - c. The completion of Phase 1 of the Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disabilities project and initiation of Phase 2 (May 2016).

Progress against current strategy

4. The strategy is a three year strategy that has 4 areas each with a strategic objective to be achieved by 2017. We have made some significant progress against these objectives which are detailed below.
5. **Area 1: Integrated Commissioning for Families and Individuals.** The strategic objective to achieve by 2017 is 'We will provide integrated assessment and planning that is person centred for 0-25 year olds who have complex needs'. Our first phase was to align services within the local authority and community health provision before moving to phase two which will look at aligning across the local authority and health provision. Progress has already been made in aligning local authority and health commissioning with regard to tri-partite funding arrangements in the newly established none-core commissioning panel.
6. **Area 2: Advice and Information.** The strategic objective to achieve by 2017 is to 'provide information and advice to families about the services and support that is available to them; it will be accurate, comprehensive, high quality and easy to use.' We have reviewed all current local advice and information services and established a new impartial advice and information service. This is being achieved in 2 stages, as agreed by the Department of Education. Stage 1 has been achieved and we have developed a new integrated advice service (IAS) offer called Ask Us which launches officially in September 2016. Stage 2 will be to look at identifying opportunities to jointly deliver an IAS service with Nottingham City Council and the CCGs by April 2018.
7. We have also started to establish an integrated system for collecting and analysing data and information that will inform the JSNA. This is being developed through an integrated case recording and reporting facility for CDS and SEND that is being built on MOSAIC. This is being developed in stages and is on track to be fully operational by January 2017.
8. **Area 3: Integrated Disability Service.** The strategic objective to achieve by 2017 is to 'establish an Integrated Disability Service for Children and Young People (aged 0-25) that is high quality and value for money'. Our progress towards this has been to develop a phased approach to integrating services for children and young people with disabilities. This has been delivered by the Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disabilities project. Phase 1 was to integrate social care and education within the local authority and is complete. The equivalent programme within the CCGs was to commission the ICCYPH, an integrated specialist children's community health service, this is also complete. Phase 2 is to integrate provision across the local authority and health provision via ICCYPH.
9. In addition we have also established a single point of access for health, social care and education which includes the right skilled professionals at the front door and assessing for need rather than individual services. This has been developed for social care and education and council occupational therapy provision and will be delivered through the new Integrated Children's Disability

Service, which will officially launch in September 2016. Work to integrate with health occupational therapy will be the focus of the work over the next year.

10. **Area 4: Preparing for Adulthood.** The strategic objective to achieve by 2017 is 'for young people to receive a continuation of appropriate support to maximise opportunity for independent living, that takes into account their ongoing needs into adult life.' Our progress has been to review current arrangements which included the transition protocol (2010) to develop a strategy for preparing for adulthood. The new transitions protocol which has been developed over the last 12 months is currently going through local authority, school and health forums for endorsement.

Refreshing the strategy

11. Members of the Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disability steering group have identified that the strategy requires refreshing because of the progress that has been made to date and changes to provision.
12. Members of the steering group have proposed a refreshed plan which allows for the steering group to monitor our progress against the plan. They would like key progress stages to be defined that can be owned and reported on in operational meetings and fed back to the steering group.
13. Recommendations from the recent CQC/OFSTED SEND local area inspection will also need to be reflected in the updated strategy.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The Children's Trust Executive notes the progress made with the current Integrated Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND.
- 2) The Children's Trust Executive's endorses the proposed refresh to the strategy in light of progress against the strategy and changes to provision that have occurred.

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Background Papers

SEND Commissioning Strategy 2015-17

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