



**20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

**Agenda Item: 2**

**Children's Trust Board Sponsor: Derek Higton**

## **INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 0-25 WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY**

### **Purpose of the Report**

For the Children's Trust Board to agree the strategic direction and approve the Integrated Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disability

This paper provides a progress report on the 2012-14 strategy and the Integrated Commissioning Group for SEND. Progress on priorities in the 2012-14 strategy are in appendix one. Proposed Integrated Commissioning Strategy for 2015-17 is in appendix two.

### **Information and Advice**

1. The Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms outlined in the Children and Families Act 2014 are focused on outcomes for children and young people (CYP) with SEND and how education, health and social care work together to help CYP aged 0-25 achieve their outcomes.
2. The Act contains specific duties relating to Joint Commissioning which must:
  - i. Ensure joint commissioning arrangements are in place between health, education and social care for CYP with SEND
  - ii. Be informed by a clear assessment of local needs
  - iii. Pool resources under section 75 arrangements
  - iv. Ensure integration between partners
  - v. Build on existing structures established under the Children Act 2004
3. The 2015-17 SEND Commissioning Strategy will need to highlight how these new duties will be met in Nottinghamshire.
4. The Integrated Commissioning Group for SEND (ICG) reviewed the 2012-14 SEND Commissioning Strategy it considered:
  - i. Progress against priority areas
  - ii. Role, remit, structure and function of the group

5. The ICG felt the 2012-14 Disability Commissioning Strategy was too detailed and had become a collecting point for areas of shared interest as opposed to a strategic driver. On reviewing the 2012-14 strategy it highlighted many of the priorities have been completed or report significant progress (appendix one).
6. Where priorities were partially completed or incomplete these have been grouped together to inform the four strategic objectives in the 2015-17 strategy. These objectives are:
  - i. Integrated Commissioning for Families and Individuals
  - ii. Advice and Information
  - iii. Integrated Disability Service
  - iv. Preparing for Adulthood
7. The 2015-17 Integrated Commissioning Strategy provides the strategic framework to commissioning and deliver services jointly across the partnership
8. It is felt that the Integrated Commissioning Group for SEND may not be an effective way to deliver the strategy; however, we need to ensure a mechanism is in place for the Nottinghamshire Participation Hub (parent/carer forum) to formally influence the commissioning cycle and the Integrated Commissioning Group had started to be a forum to deliver this. The strategy highlights the complex commissioning arrangement across multiple organisations; enablers for delivery this strategy will be from different organisations and teams such as the Integrated Community children and Young People's Healthcare Programme (ICCYPH) Programme, SEND Policy and Provision, NCC Transformation Programme, Mid Nott's and South Nott's Transformation Programmes. It is recommended that the Integration of CDS, SEND and Health Steering Group monitor the strategy and report through the governance arrangements detailed in the 2015-17 Strategy (appendix 2 page 9.).
9. This integrated working across sectors will lead to better commissioning of services with a more transparent and efficient process of assessment and planning. It will remove duplication of effort, by bringing different commissioners together at an early state, to pool resources, and see children, their families and carers involved in decision making about services.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) The Board is asked to:
  - I. **APPROVE** the Integrated Commissioning Strategy for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability 2015-17
  - II. **ENDORSE** that this work is monitored by the Integration of CDS, SEND and Health Steering Group

III. **CASCADE** this work into respective networks

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**Background Papers**

Integrated Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disability

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.