

SEND Strategic Partnership Board
Tuesday 22 March 2022
13:00pm- 15:00pm via TEAMS

Present

Name	Organisation	Initial
Niall Devlin	Strategic Manager, Integrated Assessment and Psychology, CBMDC, Chair SSPB	ND
Stu Barratt	Transformation and Compliance Lead, SEND Services, CBMDC	SB
Julie Bruce	Manager, Parent's Forum, Vice Chair SSPB	JB
Julia Elliot	Designated Clinical Officer, Bradford District and Craven CCGs	JE
Josh Wadsworth	Transformation and Compliance Co-ordinator, SEND Services, CBMDC	JW
David Stephens	Service Manager CCHDT, Social Care	DS
Clare Reeves	Quality Lead for Prep for Adulthood, Health and Wellbeing	CR
Jack Skinner	Assistant Service Manager, Transitions	JS
Lisa Brett	Head of Service, Early Help & Prevention and YJS	LB
Joanna Howes	Senior Public Health Specialist	JH
Debbie Jowett	Manager SENDIASS	DJ
Sharon Bowring	DMO Consultant Paediatrician, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust	SBo
Diana Bird	Vice Principal, FE, Shipley College	DB

Apologies

Name	Organisation	
Nazmun Khan	Business Support Officer, SEND Services, CBMDC	NK
Ruth Shaw	Senior head of strategy, change and delivery NHS Bradford District and Craven (CCGs).	RS
Annette Jackson	Designated Medical Officer, Consultant Paediatrician, BTHFT	AJ
Joel Herbert	Transformation and Compliance Co-ordinator, SEND Services, CBMDC	JH
Dawn Lee		DL
Annette Jackson	DMO	AJ
Sally Skipper	SEND T&C Coordinator	SS
Peter Horner	Community Action/Young Lives Bradford	PH
Ann Andrew	Head Teacher, High Park Special School	AA
Helen Willet	Head Teacher, Chellow Height School	HW
Andrea Walters	Head of Social Service -Keighley/ Shipley, CBMDC	AW
Mary Ryan	Strategic Commissioning Manager, Children's Services, CBMDC	MR
Ian Morrel	Head Teacher, Titus Salt School	I'M
Christina Holloway	Bradford District and Craven CCGs	CH

Ref No	Action/Decision	Action Owner
1.	Welcome, Introduction & Apologies	
2.	Notes of the last meeting: Notes of the last meeting / Matters Arising	
3.	<p>Ofsted Inspection Feedback + SEF Submitted To Ofsted.</p> <p>During this meeting colleagues were asked to feedback there experiences and how they found the inspection process. Moving forward this board, will be the main governance and driver for post inspection response, including coproduction of action plans and monitoring deliverables.</p> <p>ND, shared admiration for the Inspection team, acknowledging the hard work and long hours they complete over the two week inspection. All stakeholders found the inspectors approachable, constructive, fair and honest.</p> <p>During the inspection, over 300 professionals were involved and as a district we had one of the highest amount parent/carers responses to the survey (644) Further engagement numbers: 65 face to face and/or telephone parent/carers 8 Early Years providers 74 EHCP cases 8 Educational Settings</p> <p>During the inspection, lots of examples of good progress and developments were identified, whilst also identifying and discussing areas for improvement. The discussions around the latter were honest and the Local Area are keen and interested for final report to be made available and this will demonstrate that parent/carers have been listened to.</p> <p>There was specific acknowledgment that Bradford had a very slow start when it came to implementing the SEND reforms during the period of 2014 to 2019, which will be evident in the final report.</p> <p>There were indepth conversations around the challenges families experience in Bradford, and it was mentioned that the parent/carers were incredibly reasonable. One major area for improvement needed, which we agree with, is that all forms of commnciation across the partnership needs to improve.</p> <p>The improvements achieved by the EHC 20 week compliance figures was welcomed but not all our progress will be reflected in the inspection outcome as the only data they will be able to quote is 2020's data, due to the fact that the data from 2021 has not yet been published.</p>	

It is worth reminding stakeholders in relation to progress made, they were looking at all progress which had been made since 2014 to 2022, which impacted on the overall pace and change, especially in relation to the last 3 years. Some area that progress since 2014 had not been sufficient.

The inspectors thought our SEF was very clear in its description of areas of strength and what needs to happen, providing them with the honest picture from the start.

There was nothing that they identified during the inspection process that wasn't in the SEF, once these are shared the action plan will come back through SSPB to agree how work will progress and monitored.

Partners were asked to share their feedback:

JB (PFBA) – Their intention was to prepare parent/carers for this and they are so proud of the parent/carers. They understood the importance of the survey, and identified that it was a fundamental tool in collating responses. The activity on social media was wonderful and the amount of shares was fantastic to see.

The two parent events that were held, were brilliant. Parents came across as focused and reasonable. The parents had recognised that what is happening is really positive and they reflected on how valued they feel in Bradford.

JB raised that this isn't a time for a line in the sand but a refresh on the great work that is happening, whilst also mentioning that the parent/carers felt that it was a fair inspection.

JE & SB (Health) – The Health sub group reflected on inspection and raised how fair & approachable the inspectors were. You could tell they wanted to make a difference and really understand as to where we are with services and how we engage with families.

It was a really positive inspection experience for all and Health colleagues look forward to having sight of the report and use this to review their work.

SB mentioned that it was interesting from a provider's point of view, as the inspectors were looking at the service delivery from a CYP perspective and this was welcomed.

JH (Public Health) – Meetings felt ok. Didn't focus quite as much on the universal offer (early intervention) as they thought it might. The main focus was on SEN support and EHCP which isn't their main area of expertise.

DJ (SENDIASS) – HMI was very welcoming, parents were asked to attend but she was confused that parents were there. (The following is from the Inspection Timetable we received and was not discussed in the meeting; *Attendees and roles: IASS leaders and staff members, users of the SENDIASS service, mediation service representative*)

As the meeting was shared with the LO there wasn't time for everything to be discussed. SENDIASS website was liked, as well as the reports.

Key themes – communication, capacity within services, complexity increase in complex cases. Positive spin on this is due to more information about the more generic queries that were previously not widely available.

ND reflected on this point, mentioning that it is more constructive to hear the experiences of those that the system has not or is not working for them, so challenging comments are sought after as this helps inform improvement.

DS (CCHDT) – Social Care teams didn't have as much input as they thought they would. It felt like a positive inspection process when comparing it to the ILACS Inspection. ND mentioned that this was due to the quality of the SEF, as it underpinned where we are, which relieved some of the pressures later on. Under the new inspection framework it is more like an ILACS inspection, which will involve more time at looking at individual cases.

As a social care perspective it has really helped to fine tune and sharpen work, the biggest shift will be evidencing better outcomes for CYP.

SB (SEND) – overall we had a fair inspection and very supportive. It is worth noting that it isn't always like that, but a few things broke our way which was favourable for us. This was due to our honesty with the inspectors and they were able to see the full circle, in relation to what we told them and what they found when discussing with the families and and stakeholders within the partnership.

When we get the letter – there will be three narratives:

- what happened between 2014 7 2019,
- what happened between 2019 & 2022
- what will happen in the next 2 years.

It was clear that we are trusted to be honest and this is a testimonial as to where we are.

The inspectors read over **900** pieces of evidence over the two weeks and SB thanked all those involved and would like to say a big well done.

ND, highlighted that the report will be challenging but the voice of those that need to be heard will be present, and this will be a valuable tool to use and build on momentum and the areas for improvement that report identifies.

Timescales

First draft end of this week/start of next (Late March). We are then able to provide a response to factual inaccuracies. Inspectors will then have the opportunity to take this feedback on board (they don't have to) and finalise the letter, which will be published sometime in April. We will then have 70 days to look at developing an Action Plan, which will address the WSOA and how we will improve these.

Autumn 2022 for reinspection.

LB – Vulnerable group meeting, technology meant that those that were virtual potentially felt left out. There are really good pockets of good practice, but some CYP could & do potentially miss out.

ND – in terms of how these things play out, Ofsted will be familiar of ILACS monitoring and the fact that we are due our ILACS reinspection, and some of the issues that weren't potentially addressed as much as they could have been during the L SEND Inspection, will be picked up via the ILACS one.

4.	<p>CYP Plan & SEND Strategy</p> <p>SB - CYP plan proposal – We are now on day 0 now having had the inspection. The new SEND Strategy and CYP plan will need to correlate with the Inspection outcome and these are due to be published later this year.</p> <p>We will be writing out to the SSPB and this board will inform the strategy making sure that SEND is squarely in the CYP plan and that both plans are reflective of one and other.</p> <p>SEND Strategy to be launched in the late Autumn as this is a 3-7month job. This work and CoProduction of these will now begin and members can expect to be involved in these developments in the coming weeks/months.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Date of Next Meeting: 24th May 2022 13:00pm – 15:00 pm via TEAMS</p>	