

SEND Partnership meeting notes (Covid-19 period) – 13/11/2020

Present:

Jane Hall	Transformation and Compliance Manager, SEND Services CBMDC	JH
Joel Herbert	Transformation and Compliance Co-ordinator, SEND Services CBMDC	JHe
Tabia Afsar	Strategy change and delivery senior manager, NHS Bradford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	TA
Julia Elliot	Designated Clinical Officer, NHS Bradford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	JE
Julie Bruce	Manager, Parent's Forum/Vice Chair SEND Strategic Partnership Board	JB

Apologies:

Ruth Shaw	Senior head of strategy, change and delivery NHS Bradford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	RS
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Purpose of the meeting:

Fortnightly meeting between Local Authority, CCG and Parents Forum (PBFA)/Vice Chair of SEND Strategic Partnership Board (SSPB) to progress priority SEND work, agree new priorities and how/who will take these forwards during the Covid-19 period.

To ensure that the positive working relationships and progress of the SEND Reforms do not lapse and continue to progress across the partnership.

Areas discussed:

Notes from last meeting 30th October were agreed and will be placed on the Local Offer.

Actions from last meeting and updates:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - JB has met separately with AWARE and SENDIASS, and has organised a meeting with Wendy to discuss. The conversations with SENDIASS are around training and sharing the responsibility of it. SENDIASS will undertake Part 1 training (SEN and the Law) and the PFBA will undertake Part 2 training. There are also discussions about having an 'Annual Bigger Voice' event.

Joint Commissioning Strategy – this is on the agenda for the next JC workstream which will take place on Monday 16th. JH emphasised the importance to meet the deadline of the end of December. The priorities within the JC strategy need to be agreed as soon as possible. This will allow for us to be ready to implement from January 2021.

CYP Outcomes/CDC work – JH had a meeting with the CDC and Elaine Baulcombe (DfE) on Wednesday to discuss further support. It was agreed that the CDC would continue to support Bradford. This needs approval from a DfE board first. Once approval is received, the CDC will be looking to support us in embedding the Joint Commissioning Strategy and the SEND Outcomes Framework.

Both the CDC and DfE are really pleased with the progress we have made in this work so far and the direction of travel we are going in.

EHCP Compliance - As of today is 49.0%. We are getting closer to achieving the initial 50% target set by DfE.

New updates:

Impact of Covid and Bradford's response

JE provided an update on the NY weekly partnership Meeting that started at the beginning of Covid which led to clear communication across the partnership. Request from NY Parent voice regarding a webinar on what is happening across the area led to a series of webinars to keep parents and carers update. JE asked about the coordination within Bradford.

JH explained there have been meetings within the Council but this information hasn't been cascaded in the broader sense and is not specific to SEND. Collectively we are unsure who is bringing together the partnership working with regards to this.

JB raised the idea of the proposed listening event, and whether we could use the views and responses from Parents and Carers as a springboard event. JH agreed that this would be the best way forward and asked that we use this event as an opportunity to identify what the specific challenges have been, and their experiences of services during the Covid pandemic. Following this, we can collate responses and ask services for their responses and any challenges faced by services.

Action: JB to discuss further with LM and SS and organise listening event before the end of the year.

Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) workshop – JB has had conversations with SENDIASS about supporting young people going through transition. PFBA and SENDIASS are going to work with the transition team to design a workshop for families and young people going through transition. JH asked that this is added to the Partnership Engagement Plan.

Meeting with Dorset – this has been rearranged. The main purpose of this meeting is to understand how Dorset managed their inspection in a virtual manner as it is likely we will be having our inspection virtually in the New Year. Following the meeting, we will need to look as partners how we plan for and manage this process virtually.

Inspection Preparation – JE asked how we can start preparing for inspection across the Local Area. The suggestion was that we use this meeting on a Friday to discuss inspection preparation moving forward. Also we can pick this up again through the SEND Health Sub Group.

Action: JH to extend these Friday meetings to allow for discussions to take place in these meetings moving forward.

Next conference call meeting: 27th November 2020, 10am to 11am