

SEND Partnership meeting notes (Covid-19 period) – 15/1/2021

Present:

Jane Hall	Transformation and Compliance Manager, SEND Services CBMDC	JH
Joel Herbert	Transformation and Compliance Co-ordinator, SEND Services CBMDC	JHe
Julia Elliot	Designated Clinical Officer, Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	JE
Julie Bruce	Manager, Parent's Forum Bradford and Airedale /Chair Coproduction and Engagement workstream/Vice Chair SEND Strategic Partnership Board	JB

Apologies:

Ruth Shaw	Senior head of strategy, change and delivery, Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	RS
Tabia Afsar	Strategy change and delivery senior manager, Bradford District and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)	TA

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 13th November 2020 were agreed and will be placed on the Local Offer.

Actions from last meeting and updates:

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – JB discussing dates in February to host a 'Bigger Voice' event with other SEND parent/carers groups. The aim will be to have better partnership relationships with organisations working with SEND CYP and families.

JH requested that the SEND Ambassadors be included in this event, also if JB can add to the Local Area Engagement Plan once the date is confirmed.

Joint Commissioning Strategy – Final draft version going to SEND Strategic Partnership Board 19th January, now included final CYP Outcomes and Co-Production Values. Once approved will go to LA Communications for design. Next step will be to complete the priority action plans for Joint Commissioning and identify leads to drive these forwards.

CYP Outcomes/CDC work – JH has confirmed dates with Philippa from CDC (Council for Disabled Children) – now 3rd March and 18th March 2021. JH will send a communication to key partners about this with more details. SEND T&C good practice case study should be published in CDC Data Bulletin by end January.

EHCP Compliance - As of end December was 52.5%. We achieved the initial 50% target set by DfE. Target set for 2021 is 61% compliance rate.

New updates:

Impact of Covid and Bradford's response

JB has had feedback from parents that responses from schools this lockdown period has significantly improved, they appear more organised and planned. JH keen to hear more about positive outcomes if PFBA can share examples.

JH provided a brief update on latest government guidance for schools/nurseries and critical workers. Special Schools and Nurseries should be open for vulnerable children and including those with EHC Plans, also for children of critical workers, unless they can work from home and also have their child/ren at home with them.

Children with an EHCP should continue to have their special educational needs met in line with the provision that is in the EHC plan, whether physically attending school or working on line.

JB feedback on discussions at Regional meetings re pupil attendance and parental choice not to send vulnerable children with SEND to school. JB would be keen to see examples of on line learning in Special Schools. Discussions at Regional meetings have highlighted expectations and aspirations of children and young people with SEND during the pandemic and lockdowns and this is something to consider going forwards.

JH fed back on Lateral Flow Testing in school's and removal of clinical waste issues. JE is aware of pilots in schools for testing staff at home and working with Niall and special schools on procedures.

PFBA Listening Event 27/1/21 –now have 27 parents signed up. Slides are being pulled together by Louise from partners. Questions are being gathered and will be shared early next week.

Bradford Local Offer Peer Review – Rotherham reviewed our Local Offer (and vice versa) before Christmas. Louise from PFBA did this with Sarah and Nigel from Local Offer. Report received back was really positive and showed progress from the last Peer Review in 2019. Only one area found 'not compliant' (information not found easily on searching) – Sarah and Nigel are already addressing this and will provide an update report to Coproduction and Engagement Workstream.

Recruitment for post of SEND Clinical Lead for Health – JE asking if someone from JH team would be available to joint interview. Shortlisting 1st February, interviews 8th February.

Action: JH will ask SEND T&C Coordinators.

JE extension to DCO Role – JE provided an update on her extended role as Improvement Lead for CYP with LD/ASD. First steering group meeting held this week with representatives from key services, PFBA, SNOOP, AWARE. JE also attended an event hosted by Doncaster

which has helped with thoughts on how the CYP Dynamic Support Register (DSR) is co-ordinated and managed.

The CYP DSR will provide an overview of CYP who have LD/ASD and who are at Risk of in-patient admissions, at risk of specialist placement breakdowns or at risk of contact with the criminal justice system. JE is also working with colleagues to co-ordinate a response to benchmark against the Transforming Care service model, which is being led by regional colleagues. JE is also keen to involve CYP voice and co-production as a core foundation of her role.

Discussed how progress could be fed back into the SEND Strategic Partnership Board. JH suggested a highlight report similar to the SEND workstreams.

All agreed this is good news and look forward to hearing more about the role and progress.

Children and Young People Apprentices - JE confirmed that the CCG have been awarded regional funding to recruit an apprentice. Although the funding is technically for CYP with LD/ASD there may be flexibility to engage in other aspects of SEND if needed. The funding has been awarded for one year. JE will contact providers to see if there is any end of year funding to put towards additional apprentice posts.

Next meeting: 29th January 2021, 10am to 11am