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SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People 2020-2023

Purpose

- 1.1 The SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy sets out the commissioning priorities for Children and Young People, across Derby Local Area over the next three years as part of our Written Statement of Action (WSOA).
- 1.2 It is intended to support the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and wider local area partners to work in an integrated approach for joint commissioning arrangements for education, health and care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities in the Local Area.
- 1.3 It is one of a series of key strategies linked to the Local Area WOSA to strengthen joint commissioning arrangements for Children and Young People across the Local Area and sits under the overarching Local Area SEND Strategy 2020-23, supporting the aspiration for children and young people to achieve well in early years, at school and in college, and lead happy and fulfilled lives.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the Local Area SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People (2020-23).

Reason

- 3.1 To strengthen direction setting, improved planning and governance processes, between the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and wider local area partners, for the reasons outlined in paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The SEND Joint Commissioning strategy has been co-produced with parents to determine the Local Area Commissioning priorities for 2020-2023. This strategy will help ensure integration between the Local Authority (LA) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Commissioners, and wider local area partners to ensure better outcomes for children and young people.
- 4.2 The SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy 2020-2023 specifically:
- Demonstrates the links to the Local Area SEND Strategy and local area SEND governance;
 - States our shared ambition to improve pathways and outcomes;
 - States our intention to combine LA, CCG and partner expertise and experience to optimal effect;
 - Provides consistency, a framework and way of working;
 - Identifies the quality measures by which the Local Area will recognise success;
 - Outlines our Local Area Commissioning priorities for the next 3 years.
- 4.3 The feedback from the Local Area SEND inspection in 2019 required an improved focus on joint commissioning as part of the Written Statement of Action (WSOA), to ensure a more cohesive integrated approach. This is one of the specific commissioning strategies required.
- 4.4 Local Area SEND Commissioning priorities have been co-produced following partnership discussion and engagement with Parent Carers Together, SEND Delivery Group and the SEND Impact and Analysis Group. The Local Area has listened very carefully to parents and what families said about existing services:
- Inconsistent experiences;
 - Support and assessments not accessible nor well-known nor joined up;
 - Unfair system, feeling isolated and struggling with little support;
 - Support valued from some services;
 - High waiting times for Health services, particularly neuro-developmental assessments.
- 4.5 As a Local Area, we have also listened carefully to what families told us they wished for:
- Better joined up support, accessible services when needed;
 - Service and support that it's easy to find your way around;
 - Support for families that don't meet thresholds;
 - More say and control over the care and services received;
 - A joint commissioning focus on improving the neurodevelopmental pathway.

4.6 The following Commissioning priorities for 2020 -2023 have been co-produced with Parent Carers Together, SEND Delivery Group and SEND Impact Analysis Group:

1. Improve accessibility to Services;
2. Consideration of support, self-help tools and strategies;
3. Review of specific pathways across the system;
4. Robust joint commissioning governance.

4.7 As next steps, the Local Area will work together to co-produce and deliver a Local Area SEND Joint Commissioning Action Plan for 2020-2023 for the four specific commissioning priorities to ensure we can deliver our ambitious plans to continue to improve outcomes for children, young people and families with SEND in Derby.

4.8 The Local Area's overarching SEND Strategy 2020-2023 will be underpinned with this Local Area SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy 2020-23 and ensure interface and connectivity for a joined up approach for children and young people, and their families. Robust commissioning governance arrangements will be established to ensure pace, impact and outcomes in achieving the four specific commissioning priorities.

4.9 Parent Carers Together will be absolutely integral in shaping these action plans as a part of our Local Area our Co-production Charter commitment. We will carefully listen and review actions plans as they are developed.

Public/stakeholder engagement

5.1 The Local Area SEND Joint Commissioning strategy 2020-23 has been co-produced in consultation with Parent Carers Together, SEND Delivery Group and SEND Impact Analysis Group.

5.2 The strategy will be circulated to Childrens Partnership Boards (Joined Up Care Derbyshire (Childrens) Board, Children Families and Learners Board and Local Area SEND Board) to ensure integration and join up.

5.3 Engagement across the local area is critical as defined in the Local Area SEND Strategy 2020-23 from our senior system leaders. This gives absolute commitment to joint delivery and co-production through system wide partnerships working together to improve integrated care and delivery of our shared strategies.

Other options

6.1 Not to approve a SEND Joint commissioning strategy. This is not recommended due to benefits outlined in this report and the requirement to publish.

Financial and value for money issues

7.1 None arising as a result of this strategy.

Legal implications

8.1 None arising as a result of this strategy.

Climate Implications

9.1 None

Other significant implications

10.1 It is acknowledged that the partnership priorities within existing plans will change based on current healthcare factors, and integrated governance is continually evolving.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1: Derby City Local Area SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy (for publication)