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## **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1 This paper provides an update on work to implement the SEND reforms introduced in the Children and Families Act 2014 and a summary of inspection arrangements. It also introduces the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Self-Evaluation Frameworks (SEF) for both local areas.

## **2. Key Matters for the Board**

- 2.1 For members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to be made aware of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Self-Evaluation Framework for each local area.

### **3. Introduction**

- 3.1 The SEF provides an analysis of the impact that local area (not just the local authority) SEND services and provisions have in achieving the best possible outcomes for children, young people and their families. It assesses how well the local area has been able to fulfil its statutory duties.
- 3.2 The quarter four (January-March 2019) SEND SEF executive summaries for each local authority area (annex A and B) have been attached to this paper.

### **4. The introduction of SEND reforms in 2014**

- 4.1 The Children and Families Act 2014 (CFA) sets out several reforms to improve services and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.
- 4.2 The CFA encourages the integration of services and emphasises that parents/carers, children and young people with SEND should be the central focus of any decisions that are made.
- 4.3 The CFA reforms have included; widening the target age range to 0-25 years, introducing Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP) to replace Statements, reducing the EHCP assessment timeframe to 20 weeks and publishing the Local Offer on a website.

#### Local area implementation of SEND reforms

- 4.4 A number of local developments have taken place since the introduction of the CFA reforms. This includes Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster establishing more accessible websites which clearly communicate the Local Offer of support for children and young people with SEND. Co-production has also been strongly valued, and this is demonstrated through the local 'You Said, We Will' process. This involves collating the views of parents and carers on the Local Offer and understanding any weaknesses and acting on these accordingly. An annual 'You Said, We Did' summary is produced to detail actions that have taken place as a result of the 'You Said, We Will' process.
- 4.5 The Children and Families Act Executive Board oversees bi-borough progress in delivering the CFA reforms. The board is attended by health partners, school representatives and parent forum representatives. It is co-chaired by the Bi-Borough Executive Director of Children's Services and the Deputy Managing Director of the Central London Clinical Commissioning Group. A detailed governance structure of the Bi-Borough SEND service can be found in annex C.

## **5. An overview of the joint Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspection process**

- 5.1 Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are jointly inspecting local authority areas on education, health and social care provisions available for children and young people with SEND. The joint inspection process was introduced in 2016. Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea are yet to be inspected.
- 5.2 The inspection will broadly focus on;
  - how the needs of children and young people with SEND are identified and met
  - how the outcomes for children, young people with SEND and their families are being improved
- 5.3 The inspectors will review the journey of progress since the introduction of the CFA in 2014 and how this has been achieved as a local area partnership. It will be an opportunity for inspectors to understand the robustness of local area self-monitoring processes and policies.
- 5.4 The inspection results in a written judgement on the performance of the local area. If deemed necessary, inspectors could request a local authority to produce a 'written statement of action' (WSOA) to set out how the local area will address the weaknesses that inspectors have identified.

## **6. The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Self-Evaluation Framework (SEF)**

- 6.1 The SEND SEF is the local area monitoring process which assesses the impact that local services and provisions have on outcomes for children and young people with SEND and their families.
- 6.2 Each SEF is informed by local area performance data and information alongside the views of children, young people and their families. Case studies are also included to provide a picture of progress.
- 6.3 The analysis from the SEF highlights local successes and provides areas for development. The areas for development are used to shape SEND service and provision priorities.
- 6.4 During an inspection, the SEF will demonstrate how well the local authority area understands its strengths and areas for development.
- 6.5 SEND SEF reports are produced quarterly for each local authority area and are taken to the CFA Executive Board. The executive summary for each quarterly SEF is published on the Local Offer website so that parents/carers, children and young people can access information on how the service is performing in meeting their needs.
- 6.6 The SEF for each local area is underpinned by the aims and actions that are expressed in the SEND strategy.

## **7. Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster SEND Strategy (2018-2021)**

- 7.1 In 2018, both boroughs published their SEND strategy. The strategies were previously approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 7.2 Each SEND strategy has an accompanying action plan which has been published on the Local Offer website for parents and carers to reference. The SEND strategy action plan details what will be done to achieve the SEND strategy aims.

## **8. The Bi-Borough SEND Transformation Programme**

- 8.1 A Bi-Borough Transformation Programme has been developed to track local area activities and projects that are underway in delivering the SEND strategies.
- 8.2 Governance of the programme involves quarterly highlight reports from various work areas to be taken to the SEND Strategic Implementation Group (chaired by the Director of Operations and Programmes). If necessary, the chair will decide whether a work area is to be included in the exception report for the CFA Executive Board.

## **9. Options / Considerations**

- 9.1 The Board is invited to comment on the SEND SEF executive summary for each local area (annex A and B).

## **10. Legal Implications**

- 10.1 There are no legal implications.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 There are no financial implications

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**ANNEXES:**

**Annex A:** Kensington and Chelsea Local Area SEND Self-Evaluation Executive Summary Q4 (January-March 2019)

**Annex B:** City of Westminster Local Area Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Self-Evaluation Executive Summary Q4 (January-March 2019)

**Annex C:** The Local Area SEND Governance Structure (Bi-Borough)

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Strategy for Children and Young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities aged 0-25 (2018-2021):

[https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/biborough/directory/files/send\\_strategy\\_rbkc-2018-2022.pdf](https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/biborough/directory/files/send_strategy_rbkc-2018-2022.pdf)

Westminster Strategy for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities aged 0-25 (2018-2021):

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