

Report for: Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel

Title: Update in relation to Haringey Local Area SEND Improvement Plan.

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Ward(s) affected: All

Report for Key Decision Not applicable

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 This report outlines the progress made in delivering the Haringey SEND and Alternative Provision Local plan during the period April-July 2024 (Quarter1)

2. Recommendations

2.1 This report is for information only.

3. Reasons for decision

3.1 Not applicable

4. Background Information

4.1 The Haringey Ofsted/ CQC SEND Inspection took place in January 2024 and resulted in Haringey achieving the highest grading for SEND Services, concluding that the Local Area’s Partnership arrangements typically lead to children and young people with SEND in Haringey having positive experiences and outcomes. The Inspection noted many strengths within the area which were detailed in the inspection report.

Areas of Improvement

4.2 CQC/Ofsted have stated that leaders across the partnership must ensure that: -

- a) Individual plans and aspirations in preparation for adulthood are specifically discussed across education, health and care from an earlier age and clearly described and updated in EHC plans
- b) Recent changes such as reducing waiting times and improving the quality of EHC plans have a positive impact on a greater proportion of children and young people with SEND.
- c) Leaders at the NHS North Central London ICB must maintain the pace and traction around timely access to health services for children and young people with SEND

4.3 The Haringey Local Area Partnership's SEND Improvement and Inclusion Plan has been updated to reflect the areas for improvement and has been published on our SEND Local Offer following approval at the SEND Executive Board in April. Areas for action align with Haringey SEND Strategy, Safety Valve Programme, and the NHS investment/transformation areas for 2024/25. (Refer to Appendix 1 - Haringey SEND and Inclusion Plan 2024-2025)

4.4 The local area SEND Partnership in Haringey scrutinise the progress made against the SEND Improvement and Inclusion Plan quarterly at the SEND Executive Board which is chaired by the DCS and attended by the Lead member for Children's Services. The Quarter 1 report Performance findings (Appendix 2) were reviewed by the SEND Executive Board in July 2024.

4.5 The SEND Improvement and Inclusion Plan measures the local area SEND partnership progress in delivering against the five strategic outcomes which comprise the Haringey Local Area SEND strategy. The performance targets are high, indicating our high levels of ambition for our children and young people with SEND in Haringey. The Five SEND outcomes are:

- Outcome 1: all children with SEND are supported at the earliest opportunity to achieve and thrive.
- Outcome 2: Wherever possible we will meet the provision needs of Haringey's children and young people in Haringey.
- Outcome 3: We will deliver a Local Offer to children and families that allows them choice and access to services that meet their needs
- Outcome 4: We will actively seek opportunities to work with our children, young people and families in a model of co-production
- Outcome 5: We will prepare our children for their adult lives and support their transition

4.6 The Performance Report contains the detailed range of measures used to indicate progress against each of these outcomes. The data is provided by Education, Health and Social Care colleagues. The Performance targets are ambitious and indicative of the Local Area Partnership's commitment to delivering outstanding services for children and young people with SEND.

4.7 The Quarter 1 report demonstrates that the Local Area are achieving the ambitious targets set for children and young people with SEND with Outcomes 1-4 indicating positive progress made in relation to the range of measures included within each outcome. Outcome 5 (Preparation for Adulthood and Transitions) is indicating progress made within this area, but that further work is required to address timeliness of Annual Reviews for children aged 16 or above to better support their transitions. A programme of work is being undertaken jointly between the commissioning team and the statutory assessment team to support post-16 education providers to better understand statutory processes. There has been further investment in staff to support post-16 pathways, and the Council are working to recruit to two additional posts to support with this work.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

5.1 This area of work is underpinned by the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022 – 2024 High Level Strategic Outcomes as follows:

Theme 3: Children and young people

- Outcome 1: Best Start in Life – The first few years of every child’s life will give them the long-term foundation to thrive
- Outcome 2 Happy Childhoods - All children across the borough will be happy and healthy as they grow up, feeling safe and secure in their family networks and communities.
- Outcome 3 Successful Futures - Every young person, whatever their background, has a pathway to success for the future

6. Use of appendices

6.1 Appendix 1- Haringey SEND and Inclusion Plan 2024-2025

6.2 Appendix 2 - Haringey Local Area SEND Performance report (Q1- July)

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Not applicable