

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Cabinet Member: Councillor Wayne Daley, Children's Services

Purpose of Report

This report further informs the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) 0 to 25 Years progress. This follows an earlier version presented to the Board in February 2018. It should also assist the decision making process concerning commissioning on a multi-agency basis.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Note and disseminate the contents of the report.
- 2) Feedback to their organisations and take action as necessary.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Health and Wellbeing priority included in the draft NCC Corporate Plan.

Key Issues

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a statutory requirement for all areas.

Similar to some other areas, Northumberland has decided to undertake a specific needs assessment in relation to children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities.

The first iteration was a summary and Board members were advised that it was an emerging needs assessment that focused heavily at the time on prevalence and outcome information sourced from the education service.

However, supporting those with SEND encompasses a wider range of services than education and as such, this iteration now includes information on the prevalence of SEND with those involved with: the looked after system; child protection plans; children in need; of the social work service; SEND support services; CAMHS (or CYPS); and those in receipt of personal budgets.

It also includes information on where those children and young people live and what forms of provision they are using for their education. In the case of some, it also describes what year round accommodation they are living in, whether that be within the county or outside its boundaries.

It is essential that all partners read and note the contents of the updated needs assessment and where necessary take the messages about prevalence of need back to their own agencies so they can assess if further data and narrative should be added and the implications for commissioning.

Background

The full SEND JSNA is at the Appendix.

IMPLICATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE REPORT

Policy:	Identification of need and how it can be met is key to supporting the health and well-being of our population.
Finance and value for money	The document includes important messages about forecasted prevalence which will have implications for commissioning and budgetary decisions
Legal	n/a
Procurement	Commissioning decisions arising from the SEND JSNA may require the use of procurement processes.
Human Resources:	n/a
Property	n/a
Equalities	
Yes ✓	

Risk Assessment	Sharing and acting on the messages from the SEND JSNA reduces the risk of uninformed decisions being made about how services are delivered and reduces the risk of a poor SEND inspection.
Carbon Reduction	n/a
Crime & Disorder	n/a
Customer Considerations:	The views of children and young people and their parents / carers have been shared at forums held recently and have been incorporated into the SEND JSNA.
Carbon Reduction	n/a
Consultations	n/a
Wards	n/a

Background Papers

None

Appendix

1. SEND JSNA

Report sign off

Finance Officer	AE
Monitoring Officer/Legal	LH
Human Resources	SF
Procurement	TP
I.T.	NA
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