

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND JSNA)

Report of: Executive Director of Adults Social Care and Children's Services

Cabinet Members: Councillor Wayne Daley

Purpose of Report

To advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the SEND JSNA relating to those aged 0 to 25 Years, and how it will inform the partnership's strategy and commissioning for that group of children and young people.

Recommendations

- 1) That Board members disseminate the contents of the report within their organisations.
- 2) That findings from the SEND JSNA are considered and where appropriate, acted upon, by those with responsibility for delivering the SEND Strategy and the commissioning decisions arising from it.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Feel safe, healthy and well cared-for priority included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021.

Key Issues

The SEND Code of Practice (January 2015) placed a requirement on local Health and Wellbeing Boards to develop a JSNA to provide a clear assessment of local needs of children and young people with SEND aged 0-25. This document aims to describe the current needs of the SEND population in Northumberland, identify any unmet need and support the development of plans to meet it.

The first iteration of the SEND JSNA received by this Board in January 2018 was a summary. Board members were advised that it was an emerging needs assessment that focused heavily on prevalence and outcome information sourced from the education service. Since then, we have learned from the local area inspection of October 2018, developed the written statement of action, and developed new datasets.

Key differences to the previous version are that this iteration of the SEND JSNA:

- Utilises an interactive web-based tool (Tableau) that can view the data on a geographical and age basis, and do forecasts of need based on long term trend data.
- Contains data on those involved with: adults and children's social work and early help services, universal and specialist health services, and housing, (as well as the data previously available from the education service).
- Includes more detail on which localities those children and young people live in, what forms of provision are supporting them and where they are travelling to, whether that be within the county or outside its boundaries.
- Has a set of key messages telling us what the data means for our refreshed SEN Strategy which will be used to inform future commissioning.

The meeting will receive the full SEND JSNA (see Appendix A), as well as slides to show the data in the Tableau tool that has been developed and was successfully trialled at June's meeting with the Department for Education and NHS England.

The SEND JSNA has highlighted a number of general themes which need to be borne in mind when planning provision and support for children and young people with SEND:

- geographical access - Northumberland is a large county and there are challenges in providing equitable access to services across all areas, particularly the north and west.
- importance of early identification and workforce development.
- the need to further develop data collection systems to increase understanding of the needs of the SEND population, particularly around health and social care.

The next steps for the SEND JSNA itself are to use pseudoanonymised health data once the relevant data sharing agreement has been authorised so that patients who have SEND can be identified and the associated prevalence data be reported. This will support Northumberland's joint commissioning.

Background

The SEND JSNA has been approved by members of the SEND Strategic partnership Board, which includes representation from education, health, adults and children's social care, the lead member for Children's Services, as well as INNIT Together, who represent the Parent Carer Forum.

The full SEND JSNA is in the appendix.

Implications

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:	The SEND JSNA has highlighted workforce development needs
Property	n/a
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) N/A	This report and the SEND JSNA document itself do not propose any changes to service provision, so whilst they consider the needs of those with disabilities, no one could be put at a disadvantage as a result of its contents.

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 re-inspection.
Carbon Reduction	n/a
Crime & Disorder	n/a
Customer Considerations:	The views of parent carers have been shared at forums and been incorporated into the SEND JSNA.
Health and Wellbeing	Health and Well being is intrinsically linked to understanding the needs of those with SEND.
Wards	The SEND JSNA in appendix A considers the differing levels of prevalence and access to services in different localities.

Background papers

These are detailed in Appendix A

Appendices

1. SEND JSNA

Report sign off

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