



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD, 15 March 2017

Subject Heading:

SEND programme update

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

SUMMARY

The Board will be provided with a presentation update on SEND developments and improvements, following the previous update to the Board in September 2016.

The Borough and CCG anticipate a joint inspection of services to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), by Ofsted and Care Quality Commission. Inspection will assess how we have implemented reforms for children and young people, moving from 'statements' of SEN to child-centred Education, Health and Care plans. The inspection is 'short notice' and all areas in England will be covered in a programme which began in June 2016.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is invited to receive a presentation at the meeting, which outlines the progress made since the previous update to the Board in September 2016 and note areas for action over the coming months.

REPORT DETAIL

A presentation will update the Health and Wellbeing Board covering:

- the form and purpose of the joint CQC/OFSTED Area Inspection of services to support children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND);
- work undertaken to date by Council and CCG officers in preparation for future inspection;
- work underway to address known risks; and
- priorities for further action.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The implications of a negative inspection, particularly one that results in a 'written statement of action' will be significant for the CCG and Council and regular monitoring by regulators would follow to check improvement has taken place. Risks have been identified and plans have been made to improve known areas of vulnerability, ahead of unannounced inspection.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None