

SEND Accountability Board NOTES

Title of Meeting:	SEND Accountability Board
Purpose or Mandate:	Management of the Children and Young People's Service
Date:	Thursday 17 March 2022
Place:	MS TEAMS
Time:	14:30-16:00pm
Attendees:	<p>Members</p> <p>Cllr Rachel Hood, Cabinet Member for Education, SEND and Skills - Chair</p> <p>Toni Wasag, Chair of Suffolk Parent Carer Forum</p> <p>Sue Willgoss, Suffolk Parent Carer Forum</p> <p>Cllr Jessica Fleming, Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Cllr Chris Chambers, Assistant Cabinet Member for Ed, SEND & Skills</p> <p>Officers reporting to the Board</p> <p>Allan Cadzow, Corporate Director CYP</p> <p>Ros Somerville, AD Inclusion</p> <p>Optional attendees</p> <p>Sue Cook, Executive Director for People Services</p> <p>Nicola Beach, Chief Executive</p>
Apologies:	Nicola Beach, Chief Executive
Invited Guests:	
Minute-taker:	AC
Distribution List:	SAB membership

Item No.	Item Description	
	Apologies	Chris Chambers (attended at 15.00) James Reeder Nicola Beach Maria Hough

1.	Notes of last meeting and actions arising	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory processing – Waveney leading on this, next meeting 14.04. ICPS also working on it. • Sue has identified the person in NHSE re CAMHS and is going to speak further to Richard Watson in CCG re setting up • Work continues on exploring Liquid Logic for Family Services which looks very promising.
2.	Update on Complaints, Enquiries and LGSCO actions	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <p>Complaints being monitored by RS, AC and NB each week.</p> <p>There may be an increase in complaints and tribunals in April as there are still children for whom we have not got a solution. schools are very much working in partnership to create capacity. Particular pressure on SLD placements and SLCN needs at KS3.</p> <p>High Court has now ruled that amended plans (when needed) after an Annual Reviews (AR) need to be completed and sent within 4 weeks after the Annual Review meeting and final plans are required within 12 weeks of the AR. This may lead to further complaints in the short term as that is not the standard SCC or other LAs are working to at present. The processes need to be looked at so SCC can work to that standard.</p> <p>LGSCO decisions also being monitored carefully as well as action on any recommendations</p> <p>SW says sometimes the tone of complaint responses is not quite right. RS is working with staff on this.</p> <p>ACTIONS / OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RS and AC to continue to work on tone of responses to parents and carers. 2. RS will be working on Annual Review processes in order that SCC can meet the required timescales.

3.	Update on staffing and recruitment	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <p>On 21.03.22 the 3 new FS managers all start which is good news. After a period of low sickness in Family Services that has increased again in the last few weeks.</p> <p>Adverts for the new posts created through the uplift in budget of £1.1m will be going very soon as well as the posts for the new Inclusion support line which will be open to anyone working in a school setting and to health and social care colleagues.</p> <p>ACTIONS / OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.
4.	Update on service performance	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <p>82% of phase transfers completed by 15.02 and are now working to meet the year 11 and above cohort by the 31st March. Performance is being hampered by the timings and volume of annual reviews being returned by schools/colleges.</p> <p>TW said view of parent/carers is that there is a lack of post 16 provision, particularly in the west of the county.</p> <p>ACTIONS / OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TW to meet with RS re post 16 provision. 2. SC pointed out the post 16 work is part of Priority 4 – lead for P4 to be invited to a future meeting. 3. SW pointed that Waveney also has limited provision.
5.	Mental Health Work in School – CD to verbally update for education	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <p>Claire Darwin (CD) – Head of SCC CYP Psychology and Therapeutic Services (P&TS) gave a thorough verbal presentation regarding her team’s work. Works with Early Years settings, Schools and Colleges. Please see links below for more detail.</p> <p>Wellbeing in Education Suffolk County Council</p> <p>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/wellbeing-for-education-return/wellbeing-in-education-podcasts/</p> <p>Wellbeing in Education Podcasts Suffolk County Council</p>

		<p>Keys to Inclusion https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/pts/psychology-and-therapeutic-services-keys-to-inclusion/</p> <p>Psychology and Therapeutic Services Keys to Inclusion Suffolk County Council</p> <p>the role of Inclusion Facilitators https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/pts/if/</p> <p>Inclusion Facilitators Suffolk County Council</p> <p>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/pts/</p> <p>ACTIONS / OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At request of TW CD will find out about join up between Psychologist in Fostering and Adoption and Connect. 2. SW to meet with CD to discuss further involvement in the Suicide Prevention Work
6.	PEX Update Maria Hough	<p>SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS:</p> <p>Sadly, Maria was on compassionate leave and therefore not able to attend. Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee considered Exclusions at its meeting on Tuesday 15th March. The papers are on this link Meeting Documents - Committee Minutes (suffolk.gov.uk) and the minutes and recommendations will be published in due course</p> <p>ACTIONS / OUTCOMES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents/Carers are expressing concerns re exclusions. RS to discuss with TW. 2. RS will inform schools that there is no need for an exclusion of any kind to get a service from Special Education Services involved.
7.	Any other business	<p>The CCGs and SCC have received the letter from DfE and DHSC following their visit in January. They will be revisiting in July 2022.</p> <p>Recommendation of group is we go to 4 weekly and this is RH’s decision</p>
8.	Forward Agenda Planning and Dates of Future meetings	<p>Meetings:</p> <p>1 April 2022 at 10.00-11.30</p> <p>Lead for P4 to be invited to talk re post 16 provision to a future meeting</p>

		Draft Recommendations of CYP Scrutiny on 15th March
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