

SEND Joint Executive Board

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Date: Monday 27 February 2023, Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm

Attendance:

NAME	Role	Organisation	Present (Y/N) Apologies
Jackie Difolco - Chair	Assistant Director – Early Help, Prevention & SEND	Haringey - Local Authority	Y
Ann Graham (Chair)	Director of Children's Services	Haringey - Local Authority	Apologies
Rachel Lissauer (Joint Chair)	Director of Commissioning	Haringey CCG	Y
OBSERVERS: Judith Mobbs Jemma Sharples	DfE - SEN & Disability Professional Adviser HSE- Improving Quality Lead Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme London Regional Lead		Y Y
Nasima Alam	London Regional Lead		Y
Amanda Bernard	Chair – SEND Power	Parent Carer Forum	Y
Andrea Kelly	Head of Service - Haringey Learning Disability Partnership	Haringey – Local Authority	Y
Andrew Ralephata	Principal/Lead Therapist	Haringey CCG SEND	Y
Brian Smith	Schools Finance Manager–Dedicated Schools Grant	Haringey – Local Authority	Apologies
Caroline Brain	Children's Commissioning - Head of Strategic Improvement	Haringey - Local Authority	Apologies
Cllr Zena Brabazon	Cabinet Lead Member, Early Years, Children and Families; Labour Member for Harringay Ward	Haringey - Local Authority	Apologies
Dean Britton	Assistant Principal for Student Support, Experience and Progress	Haringey 6 th form College	Y
Elen Roberts	Secondary Teacher Representative	Headteacher – Heartlands	Y
Dennis Scotland	Interim Head of Service DCT & SEN Special Projects	Haringey – Local Authority	Apologies
Ellika McAuley	SEN Advisor - Early Intervention & Inclusion Mainstream Schools	Haringey - Local Authority	Y
Gerry Robinson	Executive Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead	Haringey Learning Partnership	Y
Geoffrey Ocen	Chief Executive Officer	Bridge Renewal Trust Voluntary Sector	Apologies
Jane Grant	Head of Haringey Children and Young People's Services	Whittington Health – NHS Trust	Y
Joan Kellman	Exec Personal Assistant, CYPS	Haringey – Local Authority	Y
Karel Stevens-Lee	Head of Children's Commissioning	NHS North Central London ICB (Haringey)	Y
Karen Oellermann	Service Improvement Manager	Haringey - Local Authority	Y
Linda Edward	Senior Public Health Commissioner	Public Health	Y
Liz Alsford	Therapies and Specialist Nursing	Whittington Health NHS	Apologies
Lizzy Ngotta	Engagement Co-ordinator	Haringey Parent Carer Forum	Y
Maria Dactylides	Headteacher	Lea Valley Primary School	Apologies
Mary Jarrett	Head of Service, Integrated SEND	Haringey - Local Authority	Y
Maureen Duncan	Headteacher	The Brook Special Primary School	Y
Patrick Cozier	Headteacher – Secondary Heads		N
Sarah Miller Harriett Lewis	Haringey SENDIASS Manager Haringey SENDIASS Manager	Markfield Project Markfield Project	Y Apologies
Sian McDermott	Headteacher	Rowland Hill Nursery School & Children's Centre	Y
Sophie Frais	Service Manager, Haringey Learning Disability Partnership	Haringey – Local Authority	Apologies

Stephanie Buckingham	Vice Chair	Parent Carer Forum	Y
Stu Barratt	Strategic Lead, Safety Valve	Haringey – Local Authority	Apologies
Tim Miller	AD Commissioning - Children's Commissioning Vulnerable Adults & Children	NCL – Clinical Commissioning Group	Y
Vicky Murphy	Service Director, Adult Social Services	Haringey – Local Authority	Apologies
Clive Blackwood	Head of CAMHS (Operations)	BEH MH NHS Trust	Y

No	Action/Decision	Action Owner
1.	<p>Welcome & Introductions – (Chair)</p> <p>➤ Observers in attendance were Judith Mobbs, Nasima Alam and Jemma Sharples – covering for Steven Trowbridge.</p>	
1.1	Apologies and Absent: Noted on page one above.	
1.2	SEND engagement events – two have been held to date and going forward these will be co-produced with SEND Power and Councillor Brabazon, exploring a range of topics across the SEND system. Next one planned is in Spring, SEND Power liaising directly with Councillor Brabazon.	
2.	<p>Minutes, Actions and Matters Arising from January 2023.</p> <p>Agreed as a factual record.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey – SEND Power wrote to Dennis Scotland – in progress; action closed pending wider discussion. - MJ/KS-L – are working on the draft dashboard for the April meeting. 	
3.	<p>Q3 – Quality Assurance and Performance Report – Mary Jarrett</p> <p>Questions, comments, observations:</p> <p>Highlights – quality of EHCPs; a sample of plans are audited across the wider SEND services. 3 audits are moderated from the Council and Whittington Health.</p> <p>A slight dip in the quality of plans was recorded in January but this is attributed to new members in the SEND Assessment Team, who are being familiarised with the system.</p> <p>Noted consistency of plans are getting better, and issues are being picked up as part of the inductions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving quality of social care advice, Dennis (DSCO) and Alena are addressing this through workforce development. • Improving quality and timeliness of CAMHS advice - Andrew Ralephata - DCO, and work has already started with training for BEH colleagues. • Comment from Chair: Moderating – there is a complete shift in Q1 and Q2 results. Of note is the move from auditors' adherence to compliance rather than in the quality of the plan which has vastly improved, significant improvement in the quality of the advice provided considering all other professional reports alongside the Educational Psychologist report. • SB asked how the quality assurance on the proof reading and writing skills is being managed as this is of importance to parents. e.g correct spelling of names etc. Mary confirmed that the Plans are reviewed by the Team Leaders but would welcome any recent examples where this has not been the case. <p>ACTION 1: Stephanie Buckingham to forward any examples/feedback to Mary Jarrett.</p>	SB/MJ
4.	<p>SEND Audit Report (Islington Partners in Practice) – Chrissie Gregory</p> <p>Chrissie attended to present the outcomes from the 70 audits undertaken by Islington for children and young people identified as having an EHCP. Summary of findings below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These were across, Early help, young adults, social care plans with a snapshot of current practice. There are signs of improvement, safety valve, the others were fostering and children with disabilities, obstacles to good practice. • Strengths in Haringey's practice, within social care records, evidence is strong in recordings, good social work practice. Social workers know their children and can articulate and evidence how children's needs have been considered within social work 	

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	<p>interventions. Marked difference and improvement within EHCP's within the last 12 months, voice of the children, co-production, mis diagnosis of some young people, ASD trauma and vice versa. Good IRO oversight, SWs are completing their duties well for looked after children, independent roles to ensure cases are being well managed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social care input into EHCPs seemed to be largely missing, was not included in the documentation or featured. • Guidance and training is being undertaken by legal, as SWs did not understand their role in being able to speak for the child, developmental trauma, racism, and identity. • Strengths in Preparing for Adulthood – Young Adults Service know their young people very well with input from Foster carers in helping them to move on. Goal setting and collaborative work is being undertaken with the YP. Reviews were not being completed, providing support in college. • Audit report was focussed through the lens of social care rather than the wider evaluations. All YP were in care, EHCP can facilitate and could be developed. • Case officer placed out of borough when they move from one LA to another but is not necessarily shared with SW initially. A booklet has been provided for when reviews are happening and it is being used correctly. • A detailed action plan is being drafted by Dennis and Mary to be brought back to this meeting. (Q4 – update on this work.) <p>ACTION 2: Dennis and Mary to include the SLIP SEND action plan as part of Q4 QA reporting.</p>	DS/MJ
5	<p>SEND Power – Parent Carer Forum Update – Lizzy and Stephanie (Presentation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on their recent PCF work, including preparation for the Voices day on 7 March 2023. • Safety valve Info sharing meeting planned 28 March 2023 • Walk and talk is going strong and they meet on the first Monday of every month. • SEND service has been amazing in assisting with recent issues, meeting set up to discuss impact of LTN's via Jackie. <p><u>Live issues</u> – Taking part in the working group to address short breaks. A number of concerns and questions have been received from parents on short breaks and it would be helpful to raise these and are keen to work with Dennis Scotland.</p> <p>ACTION 3: Lizzy to email Jackie separately to assist in making the connections with the AD for Safeguarding and Social Care to assist with moving this forward.</p> <p>ACTION 4: Forward Plan item for Dennis Scotland - Short breaks statement and offer</p> <p><u>Hydrotherapy pool</u> – Query re: is this now available for use? Maureen Duncan confirmed that if there is not a physiotherapist in the water, they cannot meet the requirements, however, the pool is up and running for general use. Forum Members can contact Maureen for information on how parents can have access.</p> <p><u>Membership</u> – is from a wide range of parents from across the borough, current number is 190.</p>	LN/JD JK
6.	<p>Safety Valve Programme – Jackie Difulco - Verbal update</p> <p>Haringey's proposals are not yet signed off however feedback from the DfE is encouraging and we believe that the projects are the right ones for Haringey. We will be negotiating our final position and an update will come back to a future Board.</p>	
7.	<p>Health SEND Maturity Matrix – Tim Miller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCL integrated care board's self-assessment on SEND strategic readiness. Started in Nov.21, updated in July last year. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie requested timescales for Haringey specific actions to support updating of our self evaluation (SEF) to inform and develop our strategy and key actions. Tim agreed – use understanding risk, informed by the Exec and its work into the strategies so that they are addressing the risks, NCL wide. <p>ACTION 5: Update on the Autism wait times, PcF and ICS could work together – Tim to take this back to the Health sub group.</p>	TM
8.	<p>Written Statement of Action (WSOA) Highlight Report, Tracker, and Sub-group Progress Updates – Noted for exceptions. Report on WSOA actions and snapshots on progress to date.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 key actions delayed; all have mitigation in place. ICB – 9 health actions – 3 outstanding and requires further work. Numbers of young people requesting an autism assessment have increased but the wait times have stabilised. New families will get the opportunity to refer to Early Help offer; these are routinely coming through weekly. Youth Voice New worker in post, pace will be expedited. There will be changes to the performance section which will include an in month position as well as the Jan 23 position as most targets were set to be achieved by this date. <p>ACTION 6: Tracker for next meeting to report the position as at Jan.2023 and the in-month position.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackie spoke about the impact of the screening process in place for all new requests for an EHCP where wider family support needs are considered and early help support offered and how this has resulted in an increase of families with SEND open to Early Help. Deep dive being completed to assess the impact of this formally. Sarah M – SENDIASS – peer support meetings to be set up with other parents, in person and online. Health checks info and process - Local Offer needs to be updated. SEND power raised feedback from parents and carers re: lack of feedback to parents and carers on health assessments – this will be discussed further in the Health Sub Group. <p><u>Preparation for Adulthood:</u> (Refer to highlight report attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Offer – There is a PfA section which should be easily accessible, however it can take a number of clicks to find this information. To be fed back to LO sub group. <p>ACTION 7: Local Offer sub group to review PFA section to ensure it is easily accessible.</p>	MJ/KSL
9.	<p>Forward Plan <i>Agenda items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Disability Register – Mary Jarrett/Dennis Scotland</i> <i>Short Breaks Statement and Offer – Dennis Scotland</i> SEND Exec Away Day to be confirmed for May/June 	ALL
10.	<p>AOB N/A</p>	
11.	<p>Future meeting dates: 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 June 2023 19 July 2023 13 Sept. 2023 ○ 30 Oct. 2023 3 Dec. 2023 	