

## **West Northamptonshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Partnership Improvement Board Summary**

### **24 September 2024**

#### **Item 1: SEND Governance and Board Membership**

New membership structure shared to streamline attendance, ensure high level strategic decision-making capacity and partnership representation.

Membership accepted with minor updates.

Independent chair that was due to lead the Board is unable to take position due to personal reasons; a new opportunity being explored.

Head of SEND interviews will commence imminently. West Northants Voices in Partnership (WNVP) included on the panel for all new interviews.

#### **Item 2: Review of Terms of Reference, Roles & Expectations:**

Documents reviewed with partners to provide feedback or confirmation of acceptance.

#### **Item 3: Priority Action Plan**

Reflections from the first Department for Education/NHS England deep dive meeting which took place on 9th September 2024 were shared.

The partnership must focus on securing progress towards the priority actions and ensuring that timeframes set are realistic to achieved.

Action plans are therefore to be revisited and timeframes reassessed with workstream leads in order to account for continuing lack of resource.

Updates were provided on the increased capacity within the Education, Health and Care (EHC) team structure, quality assurance.

Concerns were discussed about primary age Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnostic pathways, health waiting times, and resource allocation. A meeting between executive leads will be arranged to discuss concerns.

The next deep dive is scheduled to take place in November.

#### **Item 4: Risk Log**

New co-produced, partnership risk log shared.

Resource and capacity, waiting times, and funding identified as high risks.

Risk log to be refreshed following receipt of workstream highlight reports.

#### **Item 5: WNVP Parent Survey Report**

Annual survey received over 800 responses.

Proposal for joint commissioning of surveys for children and young people (CYP) feedback about their lived experience.

Surveys would be set up for individual service feedback and more general, annual feedback.

The partnership will consider the proposal and opportunity to jointly commission the surveys.

#### **Item 6: Data Dashboard**

The data dashboard has been reorganised to align with new workstreams.

Aim of the dashboard is to provide high-level data insights and assurance.

Performance against targets to be included in future dashboards.

#### **Item 7: Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessment update**

Figures update as of 10th October 2024 – ongoing assessments

New EHCP: Within 20-week timescale = 419 plans

New EHCP: Outside of 20-week timescale = 215 plans

Backlog EHCP: all outside of 20-week timescale = 230 plans