

Send Improvement Board Feedback- 14.7.2021

Louise Feedback- peter and I just attended this meeting, unfortunately not a lot of to report, other than everything is on hold until they receive the Written Statement of Action. They will then re-prioritise and make links between WSOA, JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - as they now have a BCP one) and the SENDLIP (SEND Learning & Improvement Plan).

Couple of things to note:

1. David Vitty (Adult Social Care) will report in due course regarding staffing in ASC PfA Team. There are concerns about capacity as demand for support growing. Only between 25% - 33% of young people with EHCP (known to Social Care) are forwarded to PfA Team. There was a question raised last month about off-rolling David passed that to Jenni Collis-Heavens who will be invited to next Board.
2. Outcomes Framework - Quality Assurance group delayed - issues around getting coordination of diaries. This should be in place for September.
3. End to End Review EHCP Taskforce - this will happen, but possibly addressed in WSOA so we'll wait to see.
4. PCT spotlight session last month - Kelly Twitchen has taken some actions from this, she wasn't present today so no update.
5. SENDLIP - no noticeable progress, issues remain the same

Highlight from day was presentation from Max of SW Youth Group. 12 young people took an action to write a report on SEND. 8 of these were from BCP area.

Their report highlights many of the issues that parents have reported on:

1. stigma around SEND
2. impact this has on mental health
3. lack of understanding and training opportunities for professionals and peers
4. inadequate/inconsistent SEND Funding

Some of their suggestions included:

1. compulsory specialism course on SEND to include issues such as masking and invisible disabilities
2. early diagnosis - this needs to be the no.1 priority
3. reasonable adjustments - especially in exams - this should be reviewed regularly
4. they would like to see SEND being included in the PSHE curriculum

Group of young people including Max invited to next board meeting.

Peter Feedback- My main take-away was that with Elaine Redding determined not to discuss Ofsted until they get the official letter, everything is now going to get subsumed into a grand 're-prioritisation' exercise, which I'm concerned will mean that most real action might well stall for several months more