Local Offer Governance Group 23rd February 2017 At Russell House Rickyard Road, Northampton

Apologies

Nikki Taylor - IASS, Heidi Redmond - Education, Rachel Akers – Health, Sandra Mole –EY and chair, Zoe Robinson - NAYC

Present:

David Johnson NPFG, Dan Newbolt DCT, Lorraine Flute Shooting Stars, Jane Smith SSSS, Kathy Forsdyke Local Offer

1. Matters Arising From the Last Meeting

- a. Health guide for transferring from paediatric to adult health services
 Rachel had sent a message to confirm that "The Community Paediatricians in the north
 of the county carry out transition reviews from 14 to 18 years and then health care
 continues with the young persons GP and/or hospital consultant. A pilot is planned
 involving a specialist children's nurse carrying out supported transition work and I'll
 provide an update on this as it progresses. Health Commissioners are looking at post 18
 arrangements for EHC plans hoping forward." Kathy Forsdyke will ensure that this is
 recorded on the Local Offer
- Local Offer insert in Red Books
 Louisa Russell (HV manager) has confirmed they continue to be inserted in new "red books"
- c. Viewpoint Young people's survey
 Since the license was resumed, Kathy has not had time to start plans to discuss with groups of young people,
- d. Descriptors (ordinarily available provision)
 Kathy explained that these are now available on the new EHC pages with a link from the Local Offer.

2. 2020 vision of Local Offer survey (attached)

A useful discussion took place about the content of the survey that is planned to be used during the 2020 vision events in March 2017. Kathy will make amendments and share with the wider group before converting into a live Survey Monkey

3. Local Offer Ofsted Story Board (attached)

It was agreed that no amendments need to be made to the story board after this meeting.

4. Feedback to the Local Offer (attached)

Kathy explained that formal feedback continues to be scares. The feedback that had been received was shared. Kathy also explained that Graeme Wilson, the disability Sports officer had prepared evidence of collaborative working with the Local Offer. This had been used an example at a national meeting to show how working with the Local Offer can impact on

people with disabilities taking up sport and exercise. Graeme also reported the impact on sports groups and the increased numbers by using the Local Offer to advertise to the SEND community

5. Summer SENDSation

Kathy reported that plans are being made. There are already more providers booked than at the last time. It is hoped that there will be enough providers offering information for the older group to have a Preparing for Adulthood section. There will be workshops this year covering 123 Magic, AAC, Visual Aids, Sleep Solutions and it is hoped that Physiotherapists will also be able to come.

6. Report from Education

The descriptors have been upgraded, although the content remains the same.

7. Report from Health

recently had a CQC inspection

8. Report from Social Care

Jon Soras has been replaced by Maria Faller who is interim manager for the Transitions Team.

Dan reported that he is encouraging use of the Local Offer and services within in it by the Disabled Childrens Team. He is planning on increasing the support for the children and young people with profound disabilities. He is reviewing the Short Breaks Statement. Jane reported that the Specialist Support Services for SEND combines the services of Autism Outreach team, Portage and the Early Help for Disabled Children's team. A diagnosis is not needed to access the support, but evidence of needs must be provided. For children under 5, there needs to be evidence from 2 of 5 areas and for older children, 3 of 5 areas. The allocation panel meetings have been running since January 2017 and are generating lots of discussion. The Reflections and Spectrum courses have been very popular. The Local Offer shared these on social media and proved to be their most popular posting to date.

9. Any Other Business

A discussion took place around SNIX, the disabled children's register and potential marketing opportunity for advertising was discussed whilst looking at the survey. It was noted that it is a statutory duty to hold a disabled children's register which the Local Offer does for the authority.

10. Date of Next Meeting

After half term and the next SNIX magazine.

It would be good to try and arrange using Skype for Business, but Kathy will organise a calendar date.