

# SEND is Everybody's Business



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough  
Draft SEND Strategy Engagement

# Developing the draft strategy

The draft strategy was co-produced by key partners in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough including representatives from:

- Family Voice Peterborough Parent Carer Forum
- Pinpoint Cambridgeshire Parent Carer Forum
- Education, Health and Social Care services
- Joint commissioning unit and the special educational needs subgroup

It is informed by:-

- Feedback from children, young people and their parent/carers
- National and local data on trends in special educational needs and disability
- Information from an externally commissioned sufficiency analysis
- Local area self evaluations and special educational needs and disability action plans
- Feedback from schools and settings
- Data from health, social care and other agencies
- Early Years Peer review (2018)

# Who is the strategy for?

It is for children and young people who are described as having a special educational need and/or disability defined by the:-

- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Families Act 2014 and SEND Code of Practice 2015

It covers the local area of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and includes:-

- Both local authorities
- Clinical commissioning group (CCG)
- Public health
- NHS England for specialist services
- Early years settings, schools and further education providers

# Vision

The vision was co-produced during a series of workshops held in 2017 - 18

**“ Dream big, achieve well, have choice, control and lead happy fulfilled lives”**

Children and young people 0 - 25 years will:-

- lead happy, healthy and fulfilled lives, having choice and control over decisions about their health, education, employment, friendships and relationships
- achieve as well or better than others in similar local authorities throughout their early years, in schools, further education and training
- successfully participate in the community and access meaningful occupation, employment and life-long learning opportunities



# Principles

We will:-

- ensure the participation of children, their parents and young people in decision making
- put the child/young person at the centre of all that we do
- promote the early identification of children and young people's needs and early intervention to support them
- provide choice and control for children and young people and parents/carers wherever possible
- expect collaboration between everyone who works with, cares for or supports children and young people
- provide high quality, sustainable local provision and services to meet the needs of children and young people
- drive a commitment to inclusion
- be governed by the need to prepare for adulthood, including independent living and employment
- enable a confident and competent workforce with everyone signed up to these commitments

## Questions

Do you agree that these are the right principles to underpin our strategy?

Do they make sense?

Do they cover the right things?

Is anything missing?

Any other comment?

# Priority areas

We have identified three priority areas to address.

We will:-

1. Ensure that Special Educational Needs and Disability is everybody's business
2. Identify and respond to needs early
3. Deliver in the right place at the right time

## Questions

Based on your experience, are these the right areas to have as a priority?

Do you agree that everyone has a responsibility to improve the outcomes for children and young people with SEND?

Is the focus on ensuring quality local support and provision, at the right time, the correct approach?

Any other comment?

# Proposed approach

A five year strategy reviewed, monitored and updated at least annually.

Examples of the issues that we will aim to address include:

## SEND is everybody's business

- Promoting a shared vision and expectation of responsibility across all service providers that “SEND is everybody's business” and not the concern of the few
- Ensuring that every service is signed up to the principles of the SEND strategy - a multi service integrated approach that ensures families feel they only need to tell their story once
- Sharing and aligning our practice to present a stronger joint service response in key areas like early identification, assessment, personal budget arrangements; transitions and person centred outcomes oriented approaches

# Proposed approach

## Identify and respond to needs early

- Promoting an inclusive, timely and graduated response to improve confidence, capacity and trust in local support
- Ensuring that everyone is able to identify and respond to needs early, from pre birth to 25 years, from the earliest point of contact e.g including health visitors, midwifery, hospital staff, GPs, early years
- Ensuring that we can improve outcomes for children and young people

# Proposed approach

## Deliver in the right place at the right time

- Embedding a strategic approach to seeking the views of children, young people and their families in order to improve their personal experience of service delivery and also to inform the wider development and/or commissioning of services
- Promoting alignment, collaboration and creative solutions across all services in both Local Areas to make best use of available resources and so that children and young people can be supported locally
- Ensuring families feel confident that there is a good and appropriate local choice for children and young people in all but the most exceptional cases

# Proposed approach

## Deliver in the right place at the right time

- Addressing the issues arising from the growth in demand and population, particularly the 16 years plus age group
- Ensuring a broad range of opportunities is available for young people over the age of 16 years
- Focusing all local resources (health, education and social care) to enhance the total provision so that children and young people can be supported locally
- Reviewing and remodelling our resources so that they are sufficient to meet current and future need

## Questions

Do you agree with the proposals and approach outlined?

Do you think that they will help to achieve the vision?

Is there anything important missing?

Any other comments?

# Summary of key outcome measures

- An annual survey reports that year on year, parents/carers and young people have greater confidence in the local offer and preferences are for local support/schools
- More children and young people are supported locally with opportunities for friendships and employment within their community
- The progress and attainment of children and young people receiving SEN support is as good as or better than their peers in statistical neighbour authorities, for all key stages
- The progress and attainment for children and young people with an Education Health and Care plan is as good as or better than their peers in statistical neighbour authorities, for all key stages
- Numbers of children and young people with an Education Health and Care plan in special school placements are proportionate and appropriate
- Improved outcomes for vulnerable groups (looked after children, children in need, children in the youth justice system) are demonstrated as a result of an increase in collaborative commissioning
- Young people and their families reporting increased choice and control with regard to living independently, health and opportunities to take part in a range of activities including employment

Any further comments?

# Next steps

*Engagement ends November 12th 2018*

*Following consideration of the responses the strategy will be published in Spring 2019*

*An action plan will be coproduced*