

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Health and Wellbeing  
Board**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES  
(SEND) STANDARDS BOARD**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 This report confirms the establishment of a SEND Standards Board for North Lincolnshire.
- 1.2 The SEND Standards Board is a non-statutory partnership governance arrangement to oversee the integrated approach to improving outcomes for children and young people up to age 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- 1.3 It is recommended that the Health and Well-being Board receives, each year, the approved Local Area Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND and the Annual Report on the effectiveness of local area arrangements.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Established in November 2016, the SEND Standards Board recognises the collective accountability for supporting children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities to achieve outstanding outcomes within North Lincolnshire.
- 2.2 The SEND Standards Board ensures a clear line of sight for holders of statutory responsibilities on the duties of the local area for children and young people aged 0-25 years with SEND contained in the Children and Families Act 2014 and amplified in the Code of Practice published jointly by the Department for Health and the Department for Education. Additional duties for promoting the wellbeing of adults are set out in the Care Act 2014.
- 2.3 Through strong and effective local area governance, children and young people with SEND will:
  - **feel safe and are safe**
  - **enjoy good health and emotional wellbeing**
  - **recognise and achieve their potential**

Consequently, young people will be well prepared for adulthood, including being as healthy as possible in adult life, living independently, participating in society and being successful in higher education and employment.

2.4 To ensure robust, honest and on-going evaluation, the membership of the Board is drawn from across stakeholders including health, schools, North Lincolnshire Council and parent representatives.

2.5 Promoting the partnership ambition, the SEND Board has strategic oversight of:

1. **effectiveness of arrangements that enable children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families to be heard and to influence services that affect their lives**
2. **effectiveness of the Joint Strategic Assessment in informing the local offer for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities**
3. **production of a local area strategy for further improving outcomes for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities**
4. **effectiveness of how special educational needs and/or disabilities are identified, assessed and met – including the effectiveness of multi-agency decision making**
5. **effectiveness of the Local Offer in improving outcomes, including commissioning arrangements and the contribution of the voluntary sector**
6. **effectiveness of arrangements for workforce development**
7. **performance monitoring**
8. **compliance with statutory reporting requirements for SEND**
9. **publication of an annual report evaluating the effectiveness of local area arrangements for SEND**

2.6 Specific outputs required of the board include:

- **a published local area strategy for SEND**
- **an annual report on the effectiveness of local area arrangements for SEND**

### 3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 The approved Local Area Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND and the Annual Report on the effectiveness of local area arrangements to be presented to the Health and Well-being Board each year.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Presenting the Local Area Strategy and the Annual Report provides a line of sight to the Health and Well-being Board on the effectiveness of local area arrangements for Children and Young People with SEND.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 The SEND Standards Board facilitates the discharging of statutory duties. The board does not hold a budget. Venue costs for meetings are met by the hosting organisation. Staffing costs for attending SEND Standards Board meetings are met by each organisation.

#### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 N/A

#### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 The terms of reference for the SEND Standards Board have been consulted on with stakeholder groups and amended to reflect the shared ambition for the local area.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The Health and Well-being Board to receive each year the approved Local Area Strategy for Children and Young People with SEND and the Annual Report on the effectiveness of local area arrangements.

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