**Partners in Commissioning**

**8th June 10:00 - noon, Virtual**

**Partner Attendees:**

**Pinpoint:** Sarah Conboy (CEO); Kate Atkinson (Comms); Laura Potter (Participation), Linda Green (Participation and Health); Bianca Cotterill (Participation and business) Richard Holland (Chair of Trustees), Fay Haffenden (Trustee)

**CCC:**  Toni Bailey (Assistant Director SEND); Helene Carr (Head of Children’s Commissioning); Lucy Loia (Senior Commissioning Manager, SEND); Teresa Grady (SEND Policy Lead); Sasha Long (Head of Disability Social Care) Janet Dullaghan (Commissioner Autism Strategy), Debbie McQuade (Assistant Director Adults and Safeguarding), Anna Tuck (Commissioning Officer), Pippa Hayward (Notes)

**Health:** Kathryn Goose Head of Children and Young People’s Mental Health Commissioning and Transformation)

**Healthwatch:** Emma Amez (Project Manager)

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| 1 | Introductions were made |  |
| 2 | SEND Sufficiency – forecasting for future SEND needs in Cambridgeshire |  |
| 2.1 | TB shared his presentation.  It is based on data taken from the SEN 2 return. There are three areas that show a growth in identified needs: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Moderate Learning Disability (MLD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH). These areas all have a sharp upturn in forecast to 2030. The information for this forecast was collected pre-covid, and therefore does not reflect new shared concerns around SEMH which may now require additional support.  Special school forecasting is based on expecting about 25% of young people with a EHCP to need a special school placement. About 187 extra placements will be required by 2025.  New schools (not already in delivery) cannot be built in those timescales so there will need to be alternative options developed to provide the forecast places. A key plank for SEND will be making mainstream schools more inclusive.  Part of overall strategy is to focus on early intervention.  LL pointed out that forecasts are predicated on having no change in practice. Aging out has been incorporated into the figures. The forecast model is a live document, and the presentation shows just a snapshot of the data.  The finance forecast utilises this data and shows the risk that this will be unaffordable under current DfE allocations.  An action plan is in place to mitigate the identified risks.  Huntingdonshire is an area of concern for growing need.  There are 3 new special schools in delivery and there is review of whether with expansions to age range and status on current sites might provide more of the forecast capacity.  Special school place planning will be underpinned by this model. Joint working is taking place with the mainstream school-based planning team.  There is more work to be done for post 16.  The SEMH review will be cross-referenced with the forecast model. Provision for girls as there is a known gap and the LA are in conversation with current schools.  Sufficiency only works if are picking up all information. Parent carer coproduction is crucial as is coproduction with young people.  TB confirmed that some of the increase in numbers can be attributed to population growth in the county: Huntingdonshire is a case in point. However, parts of the county are showing higher numbers than can be accounted for by population growth. This is being investigated to understand the data and the underlying issues.  Many parent carers are keen to do more for their children but need support to do so  TB confirmed that the new SEND Communication Board will be considering how we can do this as there is much already available that could be shared.  SC commented that is was reassuring to see the data and understand that it is being used to drive policy making. SC thanked TB and LL.  Pinpoint will think about how the issues raised in the presentation fits with their work. SC asked that updates be shared widely and often. |  |
| 2.2 | JD confirmed that the All-Age Autism Strategy is in draft form with senior leaders. It will go to consultation starting on 23rd June for 6 weeks. An easy read version is being produced with Voiceablity. |  |
| 3 | Highlight report from LA commissioners |  |
| 3.1 | HC shared her update. There were 14 highlight reports outlined in the presentation. Commissioning strategies for SEND, Children with Disabilities, Children and Families and Children in Care have been written. All are interrelated and show how gaps will be filled. The strategies will go out for consultation next month.  The autism toolkit is being tested within the commissioning team.  **PBS and TEC reviews will be on the agenda for this meeting in September**.  Commissioning team – Paul Wilson has joined the team to help secure activities where there have been delays. Isobel Thomson has joined the team as a new commissioning officer.  SC thanked HC and said the amount of work was impressive and that it is helpful to see how areas are connected. Pinpoint are pleased with the 100% increase in funding for OT services as this topic has come up a lot in drop ins. There will be a parent carer on the interview panel for the Lead OT.  HC informed the group that there is a business case in for commissioning to secure a transitions commissioner to help with planning transition stages for smooth transfer. There is much happening around the transition’s agenda. |  |
| 4 | Update from DMQ |  |
| 4.1 | DMQ gave a verbal update.  There has been an extensive review in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough around the tech offer. A paper with a number of recommendations and an action plan is being developed. There is a desire to work with parent carers and to increase the focus on younger children.  **DMQ will bring this to the September meeting of this group**.    JASP (Joint Agency Support Panel) was launched in CCC last month. It includes education, health, social care and commissioners in order to ensure commissioned support is delivering outcomes, identify any gaps and track those not in education to be supported back into the appropriate environment. Once JASP is embedded it is hoped it will go up to age 25 but is currently up to age 18. JASP has been running successfully in PCC for some time, so it is a tried and tested model.  Residential short breaks - OfSted has rated Woodland Lodge as Good. London Road is expected to be reported shortly. Havilland Way is awaiting an inspection.  Social work is back to face-to-face visits for those who want them. If parents are still concerned about health risks, they can have virtual visits.  RH asked if short breaks summer holiday packages of support are in place. DMQ confirmed that social workers are working with service manager and are fairly confident.  SC asked if JASP looks at all children not yet returned to school. DMQ confirmed that they work through the whole list to see what support is needed and how to provide this, involving all agencies. They are seeing the results of anxiety around covid, some behaviours have changed and some children do not want to return. These are being looked at carefully.  SC found this reassuring and will pick up at SEND Executive Board.  SL pointed out that team managers also review the out of education list and those declining face to face visits for support and assistance. This is a weekly activity. |  |
| 5 | Mental Health New Commissioned Service Update |  |
| 5.1 | KG gave a verbal update.  Official communications are currently being worked through and KG will share when available.  The new service starts on 1st July.  It is noted that RD identified his conflict of interest, but it was agreed that as all the information to be shared is in the public domain there was no reason for him to leave the meeting.  The new service is a partnership (led by CPFT) aligned with the new contract with CPFT. The new service is to be called Younited. KG shared the branding with the group. Young people came up with it, helped by a graphic designer.  The service will provide a central referral point for YP up to 25. They are waiting for the formal pathway for 17–25-year-olds before sending out official communications.  There won’t be a big bang launch on 1st July as they are still getting staff into place to be able to cope with demand.  It will be available via professional referral to start with, but eventually self-referral will be available.  There will be a mixture of intervention including group, 1:1 and digital support.  Co-production key theme going forward, and they will work with young people to see what digital offer they want.  Continuing with Kooth for first year while look at new offer for digital in a wider context. Looking at system change, and system response so will learn and develop over time. Key part is being outcomes focused.  They have been fortunate to have some additional investment/funding. Getting the workforce is a challenge. They are currently recruiting. The service will increase in as staff are put in post.  There has been some discussion around what parent carer support will look like. The service has been working closing with early help. They will not be delivering programmes but working with parents and families to be sure they can support CYP.  EA commented that this is really interesting. Healthwatch are doing work on transitions with NHS England. This involves a deep dive into eight young people and is almost finished. Parent support has come up strongly. Communications while waiting for referrals not knowing what happening needs improvement. EA will share the report once published.  It was confirmed that Younited will be for up to age 17 to start with as the hubs do not have capacity for 18–25-year-olds.  TB suggested that the SEND communication group may be able to support sending out the message. They could try to involve YP who have been involved so far in something like a short film. SC said this would be very welcome.  EA commented that navigation of the system is key. There is a need to make sure GPs and social prescribers know the landscape.  SC said that support for parent carers of YP who have discharged themselves is important so that families can cope and know how to support YP. |  |
| 6 | Mental Health in Schools – new offer |  |
| 6.1 | KG gave a verbal update. Mental health support teams in schools have been set up following the Government green paper 2017.  They offer practitioner guided self-help for low level needs. Each team covers about 20 schools and 8000 children and young people. They cover all types of schools.  Two teams started training in January 2020. They qualified in March 2021 and will cover schools in Cambridge City North and Huntingdonshire. Two more teams started training in January 2021 and it is planned they will cover schools in Peterborough and Wisbech. They cover a broad age range across various settings. There is funding for further to teams in each of the next 3 years. There will then be cover for 55% of schools. They support senior mental health leads and a whole school approach, giving timely advice and helping to facilitate where YP need to go if needed beyond school support. There has been a good response from schools so far.  **KG to share list of schools involved so far.**  Pinpoint have had some contact with teams already. The teams need to tell schools about Pinpoint to help parent carers.  **KG to bring future updates to this meeting**. | KG |
| 7 | Provider Risk Tool – an introduction to new tool to consider quality and monitoring of providers |  |
| 7.1 | LL shared her screen with the presentation that was shared prior to the meeting. She talked through the slides.  The toolkit is providing an overall dashboard around the quality of commissioned service providers and fits alongside regional arrangements with the Children’s Cross Regional Arrangements Group (CCRAG).  It enables commissioning to target resources at providers who are demonstrating emerging risk or high risk.  Slides shared show a snapshot of the tool. This goes to the SEND strategy and Partnership Board and the Joint Child Health Commissioning Board. It is populated as a minimum on a monthly basis or as required.  If anyone has provider concerns, they should make contact via the Access to Resources Team.  As part of commissioning principles CYP are not placed with providers with a rating less than good. If it is necessary, there must be a risk assessment and plan put in place. CYP are never placed in an inadequate rated setting. If there is a child in somewhere that becomes inadequate, there are a variety of processes in place.  LL to add in breakdown of RI and Inadequate providers numbers.  SC said it is a good, key message that commissioning is constantly reviewing quality. She would like to see across all provisions not just those commissioned, for an overall view of quality of provision. |  |
| 8 | Post-16 Commissioning Review |  |
| 8.1 | Anna Tuck attended the meeting to present the post 16 commissioning review. The presentation was shared with all before the meeting. Anna shared her screen and talked through her presentation slides.  The review covers Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and was worked on by a number of key teams.  It identified gaps and made recommendations and looked at impact.  AT recommended looking at the link in recommendation 6. It could be a way of covering recommendation 5 but a resource would be required to make this happen.  **SC reflected that this is exactly what Pinpoint had been asking for as part of the SEND Strategy and it was good to see it. SC requested that this review be brought back for a longer session between the PiC meetings as this is timely and needed.**  **She also requested a follow up meeting to look at links between different services and strategies in this area.**  **LL confirmed that a next step is operational infrastructure. AT will be pulling a group of professionals together to cover actions.** | Anna Tuck |
| 9 | Linking of strategies and commissions – which strategy do we have and how should / could/ would they link |  |
| 9.1 | There was no time in this meeting to cover this item so it will be carried to the next meeting. |  |
| 10 | SC is pleased to see so much good work going on and actions being completed. She finds this to be a powerful meeting ensuring partnership working – other agreed they did too.  **She asked that people ensure they make contact, if necessary, between these meetings.**  SC thanked everyone for their input and time. |  |

Next meeting: 28th September, 10:00 – 12:00, virtual

Action Log:

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|  | Action | Who | When |
|  | **PBS and TEC reviews will be on the agenda for this meeting in September**. | HC | 28/9/21 |
|  | **DMQ will bring this to the September meeting of this group**. | DMQ | 28/9/21 |
|  | **KG to share list of schools involved in Mental Health in Schools Offer so far** | KG | asap |
|  | **KG to bring future updates on Mental Health in Schools Offer to this meeting** | KG | ongoing |
|  | **16+ commissioning review to be brought back to this meeting for a longer session** | AT | 28/9/21 |
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