



**Health and Wellbeing Board
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Children's Trust Briefing to the Health and Wellbeing Board

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1. Summary

This is the first regular update briefing commissioned by the Health and Wellbeing Board from the Shropshire Children's Trust. The update briefing, which will be presented to each meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, will focus on a key area of work for the Children's Trust culminating in a scheduled, annual in depth report. The briefings and in depth report will provide regular assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work of the Trust and highlight areas for closer consideration by the H&WBB.

2. Recommendations

The H&WBB is recommended to:

- a) Note the information and actions in the briefing
- b) support the work of the Children's Trust 0-25 SEND Strategic Partnership Board by encouraging partners to engage with the NDTi review process and work in partnership on any remedial actions identified.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The Children's Trust through its associated health and wellbeing outcomes supports the reduction of inequalities across Shropshire

4. Financial Implications

No financial decisions are explicitly required with this report, there may be associated resource implications to be considered for some actions.

5. Background

This update briefing provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with regular assurance from the Children's Trust concerning the partnership approach to promoting and supporting the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families in Shropshire.

6. Update

This update briefing focuses on the current work of the sub group of the Children's Trust; 0 – 25 Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Strategic Board and informs the H&WBB of the SEND Local Area Review.

6.1 The 0 -25 SEND Strategic Partnership Board has been working to implement fully the SEND reforms and move away from the previous SEN system that:

- Focused too much on disability, problems and negative reputations and chasing resources
- Has been driven by systems and bureaucracy

- Has not helped to deliver good life outcomes for many children and young people with SEN and disabilities
- Saw a lack of join up across 0-25
- Focused on service and not outcomes

6.3 However, in order to prepare for OFSTED inspection and ensure that the 0-25 SEND Strategic Partnership Board; knows its strengths and areas for development and has robust and objective challenge across all strategic partners; the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi)¹, is undertaking a review based on the three questions used within OFSTED Local Area Inspections. The NDTi review will take place in March 2017 and the H&WBB will be informed of findings and areas highlighted for development.

6.4 For each local area, an inspection letter is published which outlines the outcomes of the inspection against three main judgements:

- The effectiveness of the local area in identification of children and young people's SEND
- The effectiveness of the local area in assessing and meeting the needs of children and young people who have SEND
- The effectiveness of the local area in improving outcomes for children and young people who have SEND.

The outcome is not a graded judgement (e.g. outstanding, good etc.) but lists the local area's strengths and areas for development under the three areas listed above.

Based on the outcomes from inspections already undertaken OFSTED inspectors will be looking for evidence from Shropshire partners across health, education and social care including that we are:

- operating a system wide, joined up approach to provide person centred care
- promoting a good local offer
- have sound strategic overview
- have a DCO that provides effective operational leadership across NHS services
- have clear direction around roles and responsibilities
- have strong leadership for SEND across all organisations
- undertaking joint commissioning
- are timely in responding to known challenges

6.5 The letters also provide a basis for us to examine our own effectiveness across all partners by outlining what the judgements were based on during the inspection. These included:

- speaking to children and young people with SEND and their parents/ carers
- visiting a range of providers to speak with leaders, staff and governors about the implementation of SEND reforms
- looking at a range of performance information including the local authority's self-evaluation
- reviewing performance information and evidence relating to the local offer and joint commissioning arrangements, and
- meetings with leaders from health, social care and education.

6.6 The H&WBB should be aware that the OFSTED Local Area Inspection for SEND in Shropshire could take place at any time within the next 5 years.

7.0 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

¹ NDTi is a not for profit organisation working to enable people at risk of exclusion, due to age or disability, to live the life they choose

- a) note the information and actions in this briefing
- b) support the work of the Children’s Trust 0-25 SEND Strategic Partnership Board by encouraging partners to engage with the NDTi review process and work in partnership on any remedial actions identified.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices