



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

#### **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY UPDATE REPORT**

##### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update of progress of work relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

##### **Previous Reports to Health and Wellbeing Board**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board received a report on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012. It was agreed at that time that the Children and Young Peoples Commissioning Board (CYPCB) would be responsible for overseeing the work necessary to make sure that all partners were progressing the SEND agenda for Leicestershire to be ready to meet the new legal requirements contained within Children and Families Bill.

##### **Progress to Date**

3. A stakeholder event took place in May 2013 which included parents and carers, the East Midlands regional lead as well as senior managers from County Council departments including CYPS, adults and communities, public health and chief executives. Health commissioners and providers, voluntary sector, schools, academies and further education colleges were also represented. The outputs from that event were used to inform the discussions going forward.
4. In June 2013, the CYPCB received a presentation and a discussion took place to consider what is required locally to deliver to the new agenda. The outcome was agreement to set up a specific multi-agency project board that would have responsibility to oversee, on behalf of the CYPCB, the development of a joint commissioning strategy in respect of the SEND agenda. This work is being developed and proposals are currently under consideration.

5. A pathfinder bid for the development of the National Brokerage service has been submitted, supported by the Leicestershire Parent Forum and the Clinical Commissioning Groups. The outcome of the application will be known by the middle of September.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the contents of this report and request further reports as the work in respect of the SEND agenda progresses.

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