

## REPORT TO SEND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Highlight report from SEND Operations Group</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Gary Bloom Head of SEND SBC</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>16th November 2021</b>

### 1. Summary of progress and actions since last period

SENDOPs met on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 and considered the following items.

#### Accelerated Progress Plan

SENDOPs noted the final version of the APP, that had been approved by DfE and NHSE. SENDOPs considered the progress tracker and noted most actions were ragged as green with 3 actions rated as orange. These items related to delay in publishing the SEND Strategy and Balanced system therapies project.

#### SEND Data

SENDOPs discussed two datasets that highlighted pressures on the SEND system across the Eastern Region and challenged the Group to think about their beliefs around the SEND system and particularly High Needs Block spend.

#### Risk Log

SENDOPs considered a new risk management template and methodology that would be used to assess and mitigate risks across the SEND Partnership. SENDOPs endorsed the template and approach and agreed that the Risk Log would be discussed each meeting with matters escalated to SSPB as appropriate.

#### Performance Focus

SENDOPs received the annual report from the SENDIASS service. The service was commended both on the quality of the report and the achievements over the year. The board received a report on the Quality Assurance of EHCPs and was pleased to note improvement in scoring in line with that proposed in the APP.

The Local Offer Annual Report and Universal Services guide were signed off for publication by SENDOPs

### 2. Risks & Issues - **Are now reported via the Risk Log**

### 3. Proposed priorities and activities for next period

Activity and outcome	By when	
BM to summarise the discussion re the regional data into a report for SSPB	BM	16/11/2021
SENDOPs members to highlight risks to GB for recording in the risk log	all	16/11/2021

Meeting to be set up to discuss using Children's Centres as Family Hubs	GB/EH	22/10/2021
Dates for the SEND Strategy action planning meetings to be in the diary prior to the peer review but to take place after the peer review	GB	19/11/2021
Arrange meeting dates and new membership for comms T&F group.	CMc	30/11/2021
Send members a list of deep dive themes for members to vote upon.	GB	19/11/2021

#### 4. Recommendations / Discussion / Decisions required from Partnership Board

SSPB to consider the risks identified and mitigations proposed.