

## WSOA Steering Board -Chairs report Number 3: July 2018

If this is your first report that you are reading, please can I introduce myself, I am Sarah Bellars, Director of Nursing East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), I am the chair of the area's WSOA implementation steering board. I have committed to producing a Chairs report following each term during 2018.

The steering board has met monthly since December 2017 and has overseen the progress of the action plan (WSOA). Progress against the action plan was slow in the first quarter of 2018, however the commencement of working groups and the Inclusion Summit held just after the Easter holidays saw a number of significant actions coming together. Some of the key achievements included publication of the strategy, updating of the local offer, consultation on the inclusion charter and publication of key data.

The Inclusion Summit was well attended by parents, schools, Local Authority and Health professionals; the key note address at the Inclusion Summit was given by Carrie Grant, Broadcaster and mother to four children with additional needs. Carrie's session was heartfelt, overwhelming honest and equally challenging to professionals and parents the feedback from the summit was largely positive, however the challenge on the day and a question the steering Board regularly asks itself is, "So what? What difference will this make?"

The DfE are monitoring the progress the local area is making and met with leaders from the Local Authority, health, schools and PaCiP at the beginning of July 2018. Whilst formal feedback is yet to be received the local leaders were able to clearly articulate the progress made in establishing a system-wide approach to further improvement, including the development and publication of an Inclusion Charter for children and young people in the local area.

I am pleased to report that following the July steering board meeting, 47 of the 110 actions in the WSOA have been completed, a further 46 are on track to be completed on time and 17 have slight delays. The key areas of progress are:

- The Inclusion Charter: the Charter is now finalised and 300 Inclusion Charter posters are being printed and will be displayed in all public areas. The Charter will officially be launched in schools in September along with two short films, produced by Datchet St Mary's CofE Primary Academy and Churchmead School, for their assemblies. Councillor Airey will be asking the whole council to adopt the Inclusion Charter at the council meeting on 25 September 2018.
- Additional resources are in place for complex cases as a result of joining up resources. The CYPDS service now has a Case Officer focused on the more challenging cases, to ensure their effective resolution without impact on other cases.
- Increased CAMHS capacity dealing with long-waits. Starting in July 2018, Berkshire Health Foundation Trust has started undertaking additional assessments for children on the autism pathway waiting list.
- Easier to use satisfaction surveys which have been developed based on the four Inclusion Charter principles. These are currently being trialled in July 2018 for our families within the EHC needs assessment process.
- Local offer refresh: the planned launch of the new Local Offer is September 2018. Our existing Local Offer is updated on a regular basis with key documentation in relation to the WSOA, Health information and updates on PaCiP.

- Increased parent / carer involvement with interview panels, working groups, board meetings and the co-production of Inclusion Summit and Inclusion Charter
- Schools: engagement with development of new services and developing the SENCo network. The SENCo Network meeting takes place every four-six weeks and attendees are focused on the action plan and are taking collective responsibility for improving SEND provision and sharing best practice in their schools.

The next steering board meeting is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

If you would like any further information about the work that local area is undertaking including the terms of reference for the Steering Board and minutes from the steering board meetings, please visit the Local Offer to see the full WSOA, these reports and access a wide range of services. It can be accessed via the following link:

<http://directory.rbwm.gov.uk/kb5/rbwm/directory/localoffer.page?familieschannel=3>