



## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS &amp; DISABILITIES DASHBOARD</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Dashboard is prepared quarterly and contains the latest performance information from the Local Authority and Health organisations. The SEND Dashboard can be found in Appendix A and relates to Quarter 4 2022/23 (period ending March 23).

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough and supports the Wirral Plan priority of Brighter Futures for all. This is not a key decision.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is recommended to note the content of the SEND Dashboard attached in Appendix A and highlight any areas requiring further clarification or action.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Children, Young People & Education Committee have the opportunity to monitor, review and challenge performance in relation to the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) service.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 The SEND Dashboard has been designed in partnership with the Local Authority, Health partners and parent & carer representatives. It is reported to the SEND Transformation Board each quarter where performance is scrutinised by Board members and Service Leads are held to account for performance in their areas.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 In Autumn 2021, OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a joint inspection of the local area of Wirral. The inspection evaluated the effectiveness of the local area in implementing the special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) reforms, as set out in the Children & Families Act 2014.
- 3.2 As a result of this inspection, in accordance with the Children Act 2004 (Joint Area Reviews) Regulations 2015, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI) has determined that Wirral Council must submit a Written Statement of Action because of significant areas of weakness in practice.
- 3.3 One area of significant weakness was "The lack of accurate, up-to-date and useful information which informs the area's plans and evaluates the impact of their actions."
- 3.4 In response to this, a dedicated workstream focused on Data Analysis & Joint Commissioning was established. Within this workstream, was a Data Analysis sub-group whose remit it was to ensure access to accurate, timely data is available to monitor performance of key service areas across the Local Authority and Health, to drive improvements and inform decision making.
- 3.5 The Local Authority already had a SEND Dashboard, so this was enhanced to include additional Health measures to provide an overview of performance for the whole SEND system.
- 3.6 Data relating to all SEND measures contained in the Dashboard, is collected on a Monthly basis, and reported to the SEND Transformation Board quarterly.
- 3.7 The Data Analysis sub-group designed a Performance Management & Accountability Framework to accompany the SEND Dashboard. This set out a clear method for escalating any areas of concern to the SEND Transformation Board. These areas of concern are highlighted on the first two pages of the Dashboard and Service Leads complete an exception report explaining why performance is where it is and what is being done to bring performance back on track.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The SEND Dashboard contains data on the following financial measures:

- No of SEND children & young people in receipt of Inclusive Practice Funding
- No of SEND children & young people in receipt of Disability Access Funding
- No of SEND children & young people in receipt of pupil premium.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 Any SEND data related risks are captured in the SEND Data Risk Tracker which forms part of the Performance Management & Accountability Framework. These data risks are detailed on the first two pages of the SEND Dashboard. Further information, including risk scores and mitigating actions can be found in the SEND Data Risk Tracker.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 The SEND Dashboard has been designed in partnership with the Local Authority, Health partners and parent & carer representatives. Service level performance is reviewed regularly at operational meetings, led by service leads.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity. There are no equality issues arising from this report.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no environmental or climate implications generated by the recommendations in this report.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Children's Services generally impacts positively on community wealth through commissioning arrangements of local providers to support and improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable residents.

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## APPENDICES

Appendix A: SEND Dashboard – Quarter 4

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Data and performance information is held in Children's Services case management systems and accessed via the Council's business intelligence system, Power BI. Data provided by Health partners is held in their own case management systems and provided to the Local Authority each month.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Children, Young People & Education Committee in accordance with Section 3.2(f) of its Terms of Reference, providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions.

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q4 Performance Report	21/06/2023
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q3 Performance Report	07/03/2023
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q2 Performance Report	12/10/2022
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q1 Performance Report	21/06/2022
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q4 Performance Report	10/03/2022
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q3 Performance Report	23/11/2021
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q2 Performance Report	13/09/2021
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Q1 Performance Report	15/06/2021
Children, Young People & Education Committee Children's Services Performance Management	17/03/2020

