

SCRUTINY ADVISORY BOARD – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Meeting date: 23 September 2019

From: Executive Director People

SEND LOCAL INSPECTION WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Board with a presentation on the joint written statement of action published in response to the SEND joint local area inspection

2.0 Issues for Scrutiny

- 2.1 To note the statement.
- 2.2 To seek assurances around the actions proposed in the statement.
- 2.3 To note the Scrutiny Performance Working Group will be reviewing the performance arrangements in response to the SEND inspection in October.
- 2.4 To consider how scrutiny can be involved in any improvement activity arising from the inspection.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 SEND local area inspections are carried out jointly by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) to inspect local areas to see how well they fulfil their responsibilities for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- 3.2 Cumbria had its joint inspection in April 2019. Unlike Children's Services, the inspectors do not give a rating, but produce a report with recommendations for improvement.
- 3.3 Following the inspection the local area, led by Cumbria County Council, NHS North Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Morecambe Bay Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group, was required to produce a Written Statement of Action by 21 August setting out how Cumbria would respond to the inspection report's recommendations.
- 3.4 The statement has been appended to this report along with the newsletter for stakeholders to stay informed of progress.

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Appendices

Ofsted letter

Written Statement of Response

Previous Relevant Council or Executive Decisions [including Local Committees]

No background.

Background Papers

No background papers.

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