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To: Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee – 1 October 2019

Subject: SEND 'Written Statement of Action' Update

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: This report updates Members on the SEND Written Statement of Action and the Informal Member Group.

Recommendations: The Children's, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee are invited to note the content of the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As members will be aware from previous meetings the outcome of the Ofsted/CQC Local Area Inspection of SEND that took place earlier this year required KCC and Health to submit a Written Statement of Action setting out how all the relevant agencies would address the issues raised by Ofsted/CQC and improve the provision and outcomes for children and young people with SEND.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The Written Statement of Action (WSOA) was approved by Ofsted on 3 September 2019 and a copy of the approved document is attached as Appendix 1. The approval of the WSOA means that the Local Area will be subject to a re-inspection within 12-18 months, so we can expect this to take place during the period September 2020 to March 2021. Whilst the re-inspection will not expect to see all the issues resolved they will be assessing whether sufficient progress has been made against the targets detailed in the WSOA and if all the agencies involved are using their best endeavours to achieve the targets that Ofsted have agreed to. Between now and then there will be formal quarterly review meetings led by the DfE/NHS to monitor progress against the actions set out in the WSOA and the impact they are having.
- 2.2 The WSOA sets out the governance structure that has been established to ensure that the required improvements are delivered. Alongside this the CYPE Cabinet Committee established an Informal Member Group (IMG) to support the Committee in its oversight of this activity within the Directorate. This is chaired by Mr Cooke.

2.3 By the time of this meeting the IMG will have held two meetings and a verbal update on the work of the group and progress against the WSoA will be given at the meeting.

3. Next Steps

3.1 Regular reports on the work of the IMG and progress against the WSoA will be provided to this committee.

4. Recommendation(s)

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5. Background Documents

None.

6. Contact details

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