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Title of meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Subject:	Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Reforms update
Date of meeting:	16 th September 2015
Report from:	Di Smith, Interim Director of Children's Services
Wards affected:	All

1. Requested by

Portsmouth Health and Wellbeing Board

2. Purpose

To update the Board on

- The Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards
- The new legal obligations for Clinical Commissioning Groups
- The forthcoming local area inspection of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and implications for Portsmouth.

3. Information Requested

3.1 The Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards was adopted by Portsmouth in September 2014 as a statement of their commitment to 'improving the quality of life and outcomes experienced by disabled children, young people and their families, including children and young people with special educational needs and health conditions' (see Appendix A).

3.2 This charter required evidence to be provided by September 2015 that 7 key commitments had been achieved:

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Commitment	Achievements to date
1. We have detailed and accurate information on the disabled children and young people living in our area, and provide public information on how we plan to meet their needs.	This piece of work is being overseen by a newly formed Joint Commissioning Steering Group, with a needs analysis for this cohort being undertaken linked to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Much of this information is available on the 'local offer' website www.portsmouthlocaloffer.org
2. We engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.	'Dynamite' has been established - a group of young people with special educational needs and disabilities - to enable this engagement.
3. We engage directly with parent carers of disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.	A 'Co-production Group' of parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities has been established to enable this engagement.
4. We set clear strategic outcomes for our partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and their families, monitor progress towards achieving them and hold each other to account.	This is being driven forward through Priority 5 of the Children's Trust Plan - Improving outcomes for children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities and their families (see Appendix B).
5. We promote early intervention and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people.	This is being taken forward by the Preparing for Adulthood group which reports to both the Children's Trust (Priority 5 Board) and also the Learning Disability Partnership Board.
6. We work with key partners to strengthen integration between health, social care and education services, and with services provided by wider partners.	There is a strong commitment to integration across health, social care and education, as evidenced by representation on the Priority 5 Board of the Children's Trust and the Joint Commissioning Steering Group.
7. We provide cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners.	Governance is provided via the Children's Trust and regular updates provided to the Health and Well-being Board.

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- 3.3 In Portsmouth, these commitments have been driven forward by the re-focusing of Priority 5 of the Children's Trust Plan (see Appendix B). Progress is monitored via quarterly reporting.
- 3.4 Overall local accountability, however, sits with the Health and Wellbeing Board. For example the accountability framework states that *'The Health and Wellbeing Board **must** ensure a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) of the current and future needs of the whole local population is developed. The JSNA will form the basis of NHS and local authorities' own commissioning plans, across health, social care, public health and children's services. This is likely to include specific needs of children and young people with SEN or disabilities.'*
- 3.5 In addition, a letter was sent out to all CCGs in August 2015 from NHS England, reminding CCGs of their new statutory obligations as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014 (see Appendix C).
- 3.6 In order to ensure effective local accountability, the Board will want to remain updated on progress in implementing the reforms and compliance with the new legislation. A report will therefore be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board twice a year, for this purpose.
- 3.7 The effectiveness of local arrangements, including governance and accountability, will be tested out by a programme of local area inspections. The Department for Education announced in March 2015 that Special Educational Needs and Disability will be subject to joint inspection by Ofsted and CQC from 2016 onwards. All local areas will be inspected over the next 5 years (see Appendix D).
- 3.8 The inspection framework is currently being piloted in a number of areas. Informal feedback suggests that joint commissioning between health and the local authority and health engagement in implementation of the reforms have been identified as areas of particular concern through the pilot inspections. The Board will want to be kept updated on local progress in this area in readiness for inspection.
- 3.9 A further briefing will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board once the inspection framework has been published.

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Signed by (Director)

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Appendices:

A - Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards

B - Portsmouth Children's Trust Priority 5

C - Letter sent to all CCGs in August 2015

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/letter-child-families-act-jc.pdf>

D - Accountability Framework

<http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-supporting-local-and-national-accountability>

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location