

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider [this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Local Area Partnership SEND Report Scrutiny Item

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

Cabinet Member Children, Education and Young People's Services (Cllr John Howson)

Cabinet Member for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (Cllr Kate Gregory)

To respond on behalf of the Local Area Partnership (Excluding the recommendation on reducing waiting times for CAMHS which is aimed specifically at the ICB).

Deadline for response: Tuesday 14th November 2022

Response to report:

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Response to recommendations:

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
<p>1. For Leadership over the Partnership and of Children and Young People's SEND provision to be explicitly set out and communicated clearly to families and all stakeholders; as well as clear measures of how leadership will be developed and demonstrated at all levels, and to demonstrate how new ways of working with stakeholders will put families at the heart of transformation. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People's Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>2. To ensure good transparency around any action planning and the improvement journey for SEND provision for Children and Young People, and to develop explicit Key Performance Indicators for measuring</p>		

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<p>the effectiveness of improvements that are open to scrutiny. The Committee also recommends for more comprehensive action planning after the publication of the initial action plan requested by Ofsted, and for this action planning to be made fully transparent. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People’s Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>3. For the Leadership to adopt restorative thinking and practices with utmost urgency so as to reassure affected families, and for this thinking to be placed at the heart of any co-production exercises to help families feel their voices are being heard as well as for the purposes of transparency. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People’s Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>4. To ensure adequate and timely co-production of action planning to improve SEND provision, and for the voices of Children and their families to be taken into account in tackling the systemic failings highlighted in the report. The Committee also recommends that the Partnership considers timely allocation of seed</p>		

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<p>funding for the development of co-production involving people with lived experience; and for joint commissioning of training and alternative provision across Oxfordshire, involving multi-agency stakeholders, the voluntary sector and families. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People's Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>5. To continue to improve working collaboration amongst the Local Area Partnership so as to integrate support mechanisms and services as effectively as possible, and for rapid improvements to be demonstrated on clear and efficient information and patient-data sharing on children with SEND. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People's Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>6. For every effort to be made for children and young people with SEND to receive the support that is specifically tailored toward and appropriate to their own needs and experiences; and for those involved in providing support services to be aware of the additional/alternative services available which a child may also need a referral to. It is also</p>		

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<p>recommended that improvements in one-to-one communications with families should be prioritised by Oxfordshire County Council, using the budget agreed by cabinet immediately following the Ofsted report. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People’s Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>7. To consider the use of digital resources for enablement, including at an individual level; and to ensure EHCPs are up to date and that they constitute living documents for families. (Overarching; made by HOSC and People’s Scrutiny Committee)</p>		
<p>1. For SEND commissioning to be developed using the Ofsted report as a baseline, and to place person-centred mental and physical health of children and their families with SEND at the centre of decisions on how funding is spent to maximise social value. The Committee also recommends for the Local Area Partnership to map all funding sources available for, and to explore joint commissioning of services and training that could improve the overall</p>		

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<p>health and wellbeing for children with SEND. (HOSC Recommendation)</p>		
<p>2. To ensure that there is clarity of information on any physical or mental health services for children with SEND, so as to reduce the risk of confusion and lack of awareness of such services amongst parents, carers or families of children who require support for their mental or physical health. (HOSC Recommendation)</p>		
<p>3. To exercise learning from how other Counties and Systems have provided well-coordinated and effective SEND provision; particularly where measures have been adopted to specifically reduce the tendency for poor mental or physical health amongst affected Children and Young People. (HOSC Recommendation)</p>		
<p>4. To ensure that staff involved in Health, Care, Education, and any relevant Voluntary Sector organisations are sufficiently trained and aware of children that may be neuro-divergent, have a learning difficulty or a disability (SEND); and for such staff to be adequately aware of the</p>		

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<p>support and resources available, and the processes for referring such children for any relevant mental or physical health services that they might require. (HOSC Recommendation)</p>		
<p>5. For HOSC to continue to follow this item and to evaluate the impact of any changes or improvements made, with specific insights into the following; the Partnership's Action Plan as requested by HMCI; the overall measures taken to address the concerns raised by the Ofsted/CQC inspection; the progress made by CAMHS in reducing waiting times for treatment of children with SEND who require mental health support; and on how the NHS is working to increase the overall acquisition and availability of data on SEND childrens' mental health from key mental health providers. (HOSC Recommendation)</p>		
<p>6. To work on reducing waiting times for CAMHS services for children with SEND who may show signs of worsening mental health, and to recognise and provide support to such children and their families whilst</p>		

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they are awaiting treatment. (HOSC Recommendation for ICB)		
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