

# REPORT BY SSSAB FOR PRESENTATION AT THE FORUM MEETING HELD ON 19 May 2021

**Date of SSSAB meeting: Tuesday 11 May 2021**

Items discussed (brief summary of key items):

## **Update from the Head of Service – Referral, Assessment and Child Protection**

Joel Desous gave an update and responded to questions as follows:

- LM asked if something could be done about information sharing between Health and Education. JoD had been in touch with the Head of CCG around concerns re the health perspective and the impact to MASH. The plan as far as Children's Social Care is concerned is to replicate with Education and Police.
- JoD would follow up re a report of an 8-10 week wait for a Family Worker to be allocated.

## **Healthy Schools Update**

Natasha Chamberlain gave an update. Comments/queries were as follows:

- It was noted that aspects of Healthy Schools may now overlap with other programmes. NC responded that only the whole school review captures all aspects of health and well-being. The validity of Healthy Schools comes from it being an evidence based public health approach.
- The overlap with the SMILE programme developed at Forest Oak was highlighted. NC pointed out that this actually came out of a piece of work that the school did in order to achieve Enhanced Healthy School status some years ago.
- There needs to be a balance, drawing on what has gone on historically and promoting it. However, there is a capacity issue around promoting the programme.

## **Inclusion Strategy Workshops**

Paula Thompson had been seeking representatives from collaboratives to attend primary and secondary inclusion strategy workshops and asked SSSAB to chase up responses from their collaboratives. SSSAB agreed to set up an Inclusion Strategy Task and Finish Group.

## **EYFSP Moderation**

Lisa Morris explained that the LA would no longer be required to carry out statutory Early Years moderation from the Summer Term. Members of SSSAB were asked to seek feedback from their collaboratives about pursuing a Solihull approach and to ask if schools wanted to continue Early Years moderation with new goals in mind from Summer 2022.

## **LA Update**

Tim Browne gave updates and the main points were as follows:

- **Reshaping Education**  
Staff were being consulted about the proposed structure. The timeline is for new arrangements to be in place by September and it is hoped that staff will have been appointed to particular posts by July.
- **High Needs Update**
  - The Autism Free School is progressing but the DfE had said it will not now be ready until September 2023. They are offering to do some other capital work across the borough as recompense for that delay and providing places elsewhere for Sept 2022.
  - There should be a draft Early Years Strategy by the summer with the intention to finalise by early September.
  - Strong contract management arrangements have now been put in place for children in individual educational placements so they can be reviewed in a robust way.
  - The Head of SEND is looking at work around SEND processes.
  - £0.5m additional funding is being used for a recovery plan to address a backlog of annual reviews.
  - Work on the Inclusion Strategy and graduated approach is ongoing.
  - Self-evaluation has been completed through the Joint Additional Needs Board.
  - The High Needs budget was overspent by £3.1m last year.
  - TB is making a recommendation to members not to close Summerfield and his team will be developing a new AP Strategy.

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### **Heads' Partnership**

- It was agreed to cancel Heads Partnership on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021.
- An additional full day's Heads Partnership to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, with the usual half day Heads Partnership in November 2021.

### **HR Update**

- Work on the Well-being Policy Strategy was going well.
- Andrea Ashley asked for feedback from SSSAB about staff requesting time off for Eid. AA would feedback their comments and make sure there is consistency across the LA.

### **Updates and Information**

Updates and information were also shared from the following:

- Corporate Health and Safety Board
- NAHT
- National Tutoring Programme
- Origin Maths Hub
- Virtual School – It was agreed that Alecia Oliver-Adams would join SSSAB for updates on a regular basis.
- Health & Safety Services - Mark Wills introduced proposed health and safety services for academies with effect from September 2021.

### **Troubled Families (now known as Stronger Families)**

- As a result of the final push in terms of identifying children and families that could be registered to the Stronger Families programme, 95% of their target had been met and funding had been secured for the future.
- The team is liaising about incorporating Stronger Families in to safeguarding policies. They are also working on a statement about sharing of information so the schools' privacy statement is being reviewed.
- Analyses of families within the programme will be broken down in to collaboratives to get a clear understanding of need and support required.