

BEHAVIOUR WORKSTREAM UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2019

Report of the Director of Children's Services

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress in the areas covered by the Behaviour and Alternative Provision work stream, prior to its next meeting on Friday 1st March 2019.

2. Summary

- 2.1 A review of the Hertfordshire Behaviour Strategy 2015-18 has been conducted. Data that has been made available has been used to determine the success of the 12 outcomes identified in this strategy.
- 2.2 This report provides further information relating to the implementation of a revised strategy that includes the addition of EYS to the draft Hertfordshire Behaviour Strategy 2019-22. The strategy was presented to the work stream for feedback in November 18. The January meeting focused on what will determine the broad aims and successful outcomes for the revised strategy.

Secondary Behaviour

- 2.3 Our ESCs continue to report capacity issues and rising exclusions and elective home education (EHE) numbers support these concerns. Capacity surveys have been completed for each of our 7 ESCs between November and December 2018 and we await reports at the present.
- 2.4 New Service Level Agreements (SLA) for our ESCs have been drafted by the Commissioning Team and shared with the work stream. The new SLAs provide clarity around our expectations for ESCs, entry and exit criteria and monitoring arrangements. A further review of funding ESCs is also taking place. Timeline shown in the table below:

November 2018 – July 2019 Ongoing research into ESC funding mechanisms	November 2018 – January 2019	Capacity surveys conducted across all ESC sites
		Establish additional cost pressures on ESCs with split sites
	January 2019 – March 2019	New contract consultation period with ESCs
		Audit of curriculum/provision at each ESC
		HfL commissioned to investigate AP Providers available to ESCs in each area of the LA
November 2019	HNF / Schools Forum agree new funding arrangements for ESCs	
	April 2020	New funding arrangements begin

NB: Consider DFE research and likely direction of travel in developing

Primary Behaviour

- 2.5 DSPL 7 & 8 Statutory Processes to decommission current providers and recommission new services for both areas as finished. Both new providers have received funding agreements in order to complete planning permission and build the new bases ready for September 19 opening.
- 2.6 A Primary Behaviour Service (PBS) monitoring form has been issued and meetings are scheduled for the spring term with each provider as part of our monitoring arrangements.

3. Expected Outcomes

- 3.1 Legally compliant Hertfordshire Behaviour Strategy published in March 2019.
- 3.2 All children that require 6 Day Provision following exclusion receive educational provision by the 6th Day.
- 3.3 LA to use PBS monitoring forms to identify strengths and areas for development across the authority.
- 3.4 All ESCs have the same expectations, and have signed new SLAs by April 2019.
- 3.5 Complete HfL investigation into AP providers across LA to increase AP offer for children and young people at risk of permanent exclusion or those that have been permanently excluded.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Continue to identify gaps in provision across all phases.
- 4.2 Decommission The Leys Primary Support Base in Stevenage and commission a new service.
- 4.3 Complete monitoring arrangements across primary behaviour services for spring term.
- 4.4 Issue finalised Service Level Agreements to ESC Head Teachers.
- 4.5 Complete audit of curriculum provision in ESCs.
- 4.6 Confirm broad aims of revised Behaviour Strategy.
- 4.7 Confirm successful outcomes of revised Behaviour Strategy.