

Children's Services Scrutiny Panel

March 2023

Overview

- At the last Scrutiny Panel in January 2022 we had recently undergone a Local Area Inspection requiring a WSoA to be produced with 10 areas of priority
- The WSoA was signed off by Ofsted and the CQC on 01 July 2022
- Progress against the plan is monitored monthly by the SEND Improvement Group and reported at Education Attainment Improvement Board quarterly
- External monitoring by DfE takes place informally monthly with a formal meeting every third month
- A full time designated project manager is now in post to support the project
- A new inspection framework has been published (September 2022) and we will be re-inspected against this new framework



10 WSoA Areas

1. The endemic weaknesses in the quality and, due to the pandemic, timeliness of EHC plans, which lead to poor outcomes for children and young people with SEND across education, health and care
2. The high level of dissatisfaction among parents and carers with the area's provision
3. The local offer not being well publicised and not providing parents with the information that they need
4. The placement of some children and young people in unsuitable education provision
5. The unreasonable waiting times, which lead to increased needs for children and young people and their families
6. The lack of contribution from social care professionals to the EHC plan process
7. The limited oversight of the quality of SEND provision for children and young people's education
8. The inconsistent application of a graduated approach across different settings, leading to weaknesses in meeting needs across the area
9. The poor transition arrangements across all stages of education
10. The lack of strategic direction in the support for children and young people to prepare them effectively for adulthood.



Progress Highlights (1)

- Local Offer improved in 2022 pending full redesign of microsite in April 2023
- Parent/carer surveys, SENCO surveys and CYP surveys completed and results and analysis shared with key stakeholders
- SEND Scorecard devised and all schools provided with their own individual data
- EHCP Quality Assurance Framework being developed
- Annual Review Recovery Plan in place
- Timeliness Recovery Plan in place
- EHCP Timeliness for this year forecast exceptionally positive – in line with national or above
- Delivering Better Value Programme started
- New leadership and project management arrangements in place

Progress Highlights (2)

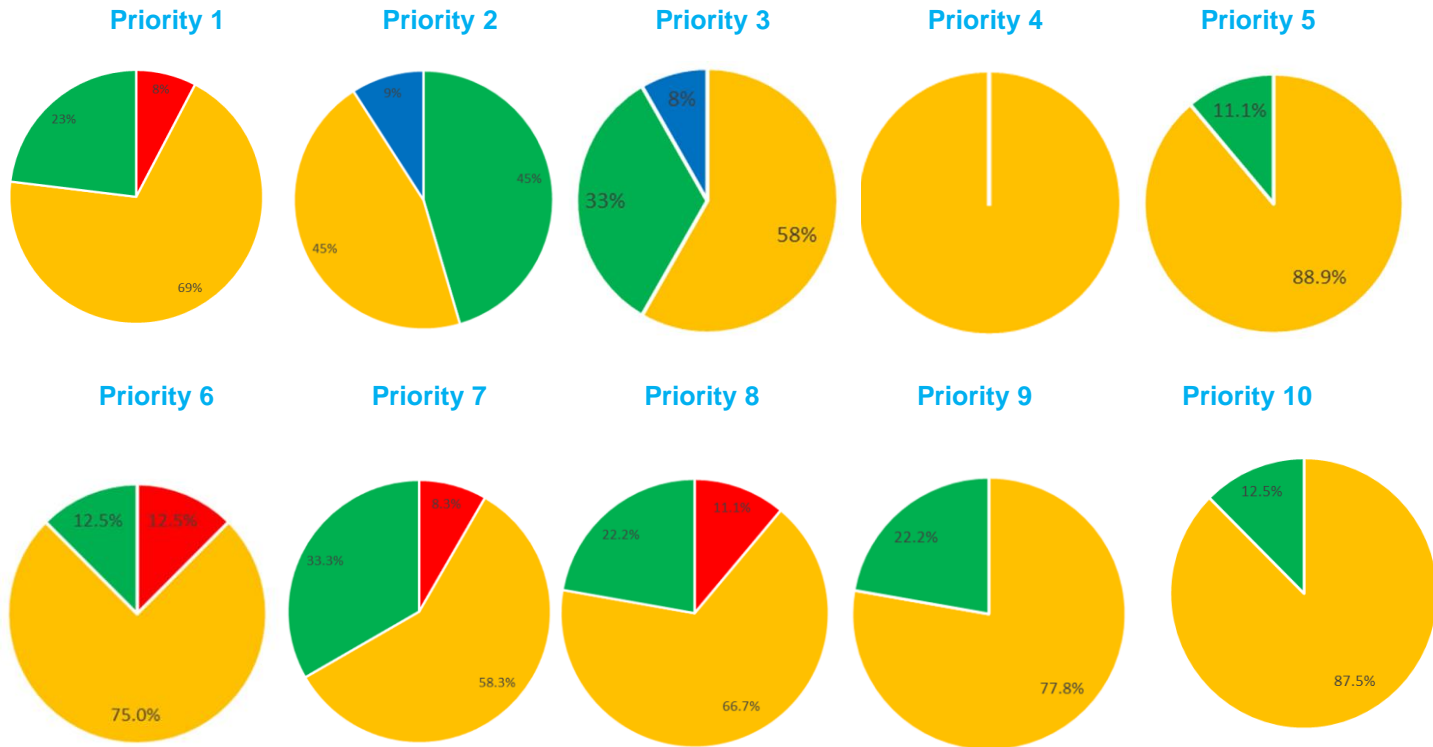
- Health Navigator Service in place – 3300 contacts made between July – December 22
- Health audits and CPD programme well underway
- Improvements in Timeliness in Health Advice being maintained
- Significant improvements being seen in some areas for childrens assessment waiting times within 18 weeks - dietetics (99%) and physiotherapy (100%)
- Funding secured for 23/24 for continued pathway support eg ND awareness training
- Recruitment well underway for additional investment in Health Therapy and CAMHS
- Health Preparation for Adulthood Strategic Lead appointed.



Priority Task And Finish Groups- Update

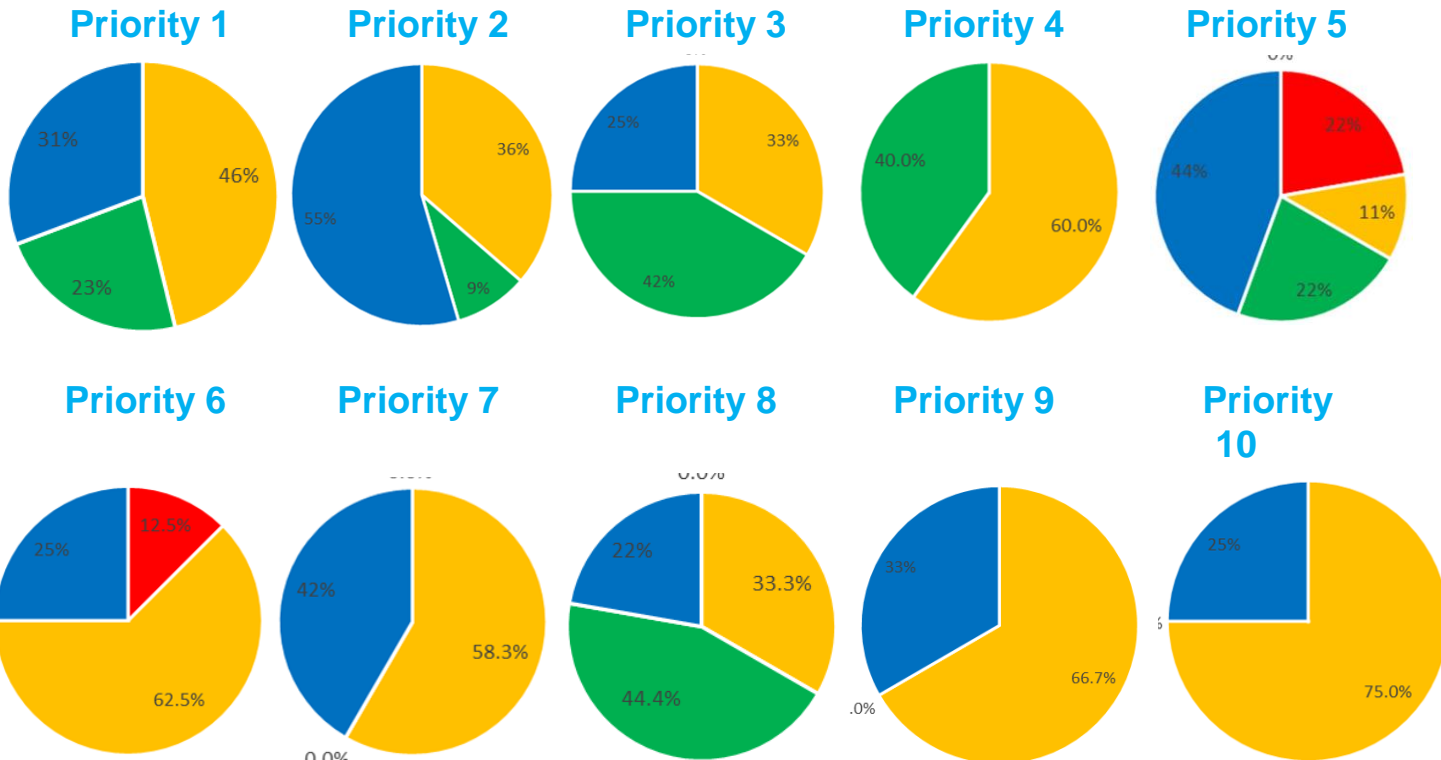
- Recruitment underway for DSCO
- 3% Actions in Red
- 47% Actions in Amber
- 18% Actions in Green
- 32% Actions in Blue

Overall Status by Priority – November 2022



Overall Status by Priority – February 2023

Reminder *** New RAG rating (see next slide)***



Co Production & Engagement Of Partners

Coproduction

- Parent Consultation Sessions Ongoing
- Local Offer Launch Event – April
- Parent / Carer Charter in Consultation
- Regular Meetings with Parent / Carer Forum continue
- Parent / Carer Health Navigation Process Demonstrating Positive Impact

Partners

- Shared and agreed new strategic structure for SEND Partnership Board – functions of SENDIG to be a working group
- Full partner engagement in all work streams and SENDIG