Information for families from the October SEND Accountability Forum.

1. Issues parents and young people would like to raise and consultation/feedback
* Parents Forum fed back the results of a poll regarding a Transport Contingency Plan when CYP cannot get home. These were – personal support (20) Sunshine House (2) and Limetree Court (0). Emergency carer plans were discussed and it was stated (TG) that the new carers strategy would look at this issue.
* Parents forum fed back results of consultation on the Free School bid; 73 responses all agreed with the proposal.
* VP will support on getting dates with the Parents Forum for focussed half-termly sessions when the new SEN team manager is in post
* Currently recruiting for the Parent Engagement post, interviews are on the 19th October.
* Five parents were happy to be involved in short breaks network event to showcase providers and provide networking opportunity. However because CHCP have organised Differently Abled in February which will be a huge networking event for all services, it is felt this was no longer necessary.
* The Parents forum held a dyslexia awareness evening which was very popular. Parents highlighted need for training/raising awareness in schools.  Lisa Stanley and Laura Jones to work together to feed in parental views into the workforce development workstream.
* Parents forum asked workstream leads for specific pieces of work that they could then consult on. What do you need to know from parent/carers?
* Need a full engagement process in the improvement plan – information and engagement workstream
* LJ asked for a specific transport workshop and is liaising with transport workstream lead regarding this.
1. Co production workshop
* Date to be circulated asap
1. Transition protocol and 247-grid
* The final version of the protocol has been signed off and the workstream is now focussing on the year 9 age 14 reviews.
* The 247 grid which is a support planning tool was discussed and a training specification has been drafted. Currently numbers who need training and costs involved in delivering training are being identified.
1. Autism Waiting List
* New staff due to start January 2019 (what new staff)
* Team will be in place to deal with waiting lists with the aim to be 13 weeks.
1. SEND place sufficiency and Free School bid
* Draft SEND sufficiency plan in place and parents will be consulted in December.
* Free school bid - is for a 125 place provision to address the increased need and free up space at Ganton and Tweendykes.
1. Speech and Language therapy service workstream plan – final draft
* Key objectives -
* To ensure children and young people have timely access to speech and language therapy services
* To ensure this a local plan and secure improvement in service provision across Hull
* Co-commission SLT services with the local authority and schools/academies
* Engage with parents, carers, teachers, local authority and service providers as part of the communication and engagement plan.
* Work has been undertaken with parents forum in form of focus group.
* Health and Education survey sent to education providers to get baseline and ideas for development.
* Humberside Foundation Trust identified as the provider.
* Will probably take two years to get waiting list down to 13 weeks.
1. EHCP workstream update
* The new SEND pathway and documentation will be piloted for two terms.
* Personal budget guidance is now on the local offer website
* SENCoS have received training on person centred approaches.
* SEND team manager post recruited to
1. Transport workstream update
* Feedback from Parents Forum meeting (21/6/18), survey monkey and Tweendykes school to support improvement planning of transport.
* PA’s and drivers attending mandatory safeguarding training
* ID badge for all PA’s and drivers reintroduced
* Personal Transport Budget pilot agreed by corporate finance
* Special schools do inductions for drivers and PA’s
* Local Offer information out of date – now updated since meeting.
* Online application form in development
1. Communication
* Annual workstreams update via newsletter to professionals and families was being developed to ensure parents are kept informed.