

P&C COVID-19 EMERGENCY PLANNING HIGHLIGHT REPORT

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KEY ACTIVITY HEADLINES

Children in Care (CiC)

- Continued liaison with strategic Providers

Access to Resources [ART]

- There have been no Covid-19 related placement breakdowns this week in CCC. There was one young person in PCC who was in an emergency placement that could not be extended due to his activity outside of placement. The carer was not willing to extend, partly due to this.
- There have been a higher number of placement breakdowns that ART have been working on within CCC this week, however again none of these have been Covid – 19 related.
- The ISEPS Team are currently working on 116 consultations; whilst placements are being offered, access is Covid-19 dependent. The majority of these cases have packages of tuition/alternative provision in place.
- The DfE has amended guidance regarding schools access to PPE. Settings should use their local supply chains to obtain PPE. If they are unable to obtain the PPE, they will need to approach the LA's who will support them to access local PPE markets.
- In response to Government guidance, some schools opened for a wider number of pupils as of 1st June. ISEPS is currently collating attendance data for out of county provisions and ensuring risk assessments are in place.

Special Educational Need & Disabilities (SEND)

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published a letter on 03/6/2020 on planning for the restoration of community health services for children and young people. This follows previous communications published on 29/04/2020 setting out the second phase of NHS response to COVID-19. The document supersedes the prioritisation guidance for community health services first published on 20 March and subsequently updated on 2 April.

The details of the letter indicate which service will see a cessation, a partial restoration or be fully restored as outlined below:

Maintain or Stop

- National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
- Friends and Family Test

Partial Restoration

- Audiology
- Vision screening
- Child Health Information Service
- (Child Protection Activity)
- Immunisations (school-aged services)
- For other community-based immunisation programmes, see row 16 in 'Continue service'
- Children's allied health professional (AHP) services (including wheelchairs)

Full Restoration

- Pre-birth and 0–5 service (health visiting)
- School nursing
- Safeguarding
- Continuing care packages, including under 18 years and CYP with Personal Health Budget
- Children's end-of-life and palliative care services
- Rapid response service
- Sexual assault services

- Antenatal, newborn and children screening (and maternity-based immunisation services)
- Immunisation programmes – antenatal and newborn (for school-aged programmes see 'Immunisations – school aged services')
- Child Health Information Service (screening and immunisation activity)
- Emotional health and wellbeing/ mental health support including community CYPMH service provision
- Community paediatric service
- Community children's nursing teams
- Children and young people 0– 25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) with an Education Health and Care plan (EHCP)
- Looked After Children teams
- Children's community learning disability teams/crisis services
- Community forensic CAMHS

The CCG have indicated that they will seek clarity from providers on the local response to these changes in terms of the local offer.

Children with Disabilities [CWD]

Residential Short Breaks

- Potential impact from new Track and Trace, however the understanding thus far is that Public Health will advise on an individual basis with the principle being that if PPE has been used that Track and Trace in effect is turned off at the point of entering a care home.
- Recovery Planning is being progressed across PCC and CCC.

Domiciliary Care & Community Support Services

- CCC Average Delivery last week 67% in house and 77% external providers. This appears lower than last week due to circumstance/decisions made rather than compliance.
- PCC Average Delivery last week 81%
- Recovery Planning in progress and emails sent to Providers across PCC and CCC asking of their current challenges, pressures and learning

Activity Short Breaks/Community Short Breaks

- CCC has meetings set with Providers next week to explore recovery.
- Recovery planning in place across CCC and PCC including summer holidays.

Insourcing of CCC Residential Children's homes

- AFC staff TUPE consultation booked next week

Special Schools

- Reviewing Special School provision/offers of support to vulnerable CYP with EHCPs

Children and Families (C&F)

- Working with children and Family providers as we move into the next phase of 'test, trace and isolate'. We are asking them to support staff and users engaging with contact tracing as well as reminders about maintaining social distancing as this will help prevent a second wave of Covid impacting on services.

RISKS / CHALLENGES (AND MITIGATION)

Children in Care (CiC)

- No new updates

Access to Resources (ART)

- The theme of foster carers self-isolating or not taking placements does continue to be a challenge, however ART have reported that they are still able to identify placements in the majority of cases.

- The trend for placements to be under threat of breaking down due to children leaving placement and carers viewing that they, and others in the house are being put at risk has reduced and there have been no reports of concerns.
- Some residential providers have advised that due to the delay in Ofsted Registrations, they have not been able to open new homes within the time frame they had planned.
- It has become increasingly challenging to identify placements in residential children's homes. This has been compounded with the searches that we have been working on for some very complex young people where matching is difficult and specific support is requested.
- Although some schools have opened to a wider number of pupils, ISEPS is aware that some children remain at home with their families. ISEPs will continue to share attendance data with social teams to ensure risk assessments are in place for those who remain home and ensure it is safe to do so.

Special Educational Need & Disabilities (SEND)

- There are emerging issues relating to non-provision of services, which may in part be directly as a result of COVID-19 or due to circumstance existing pre-COVID-19, but becoming apparent now. The examples raised relate to provision of OT services as set out within EHCPs, and are relevant to pre-action positions. The CCG have been made aware of these issues and intend to resolve them with the provider CPFT.

Children with Disabilities [CWD]

- Possible impact from Track and Trace on Services.

Children and Families (C&F)

- General concern was raised, through the Safer Peterborough Partnership Hub, about ensuring communities continue to maintain social distancing measures.

WORKFORCE UPDATE

- No new updates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (increase in costs / reduction in income)

Children in Care (CiC)

- No new updates.

Access to Resources (ART)

- One ISEPs placement is in the process of reducing from a 52-week to 39-week arrangement.
- A number of providers have requested fee uplifts due to the impact of Covid 19 and potentially in lieu of local authorities receiving additional government funding. Minimum impact to date.
- There has been no Covid -19 related costs incurred this week

SEND

- No new updates.

Children with Disabilities [CWD]

- Continued increase in packages noted across CCC and PCC especially as a consequence of not attending school e.g. shielded child requiring additional domiciliary care/family support during school hours (Covid expense).

Children and Families

- No new updates.

RECOVERY ACTIVITY (plans being considered / future steps)**Children in Care (CiC)**

- No new updates.

Access to Resources

- No new updates

SEND

- No new updates

CWD

- No new updates

Children and Families (C&F)

- No updates

COMMUNICATIONS**Children in Care (CiC)**

Dashboard summarising incident reports.

Access to Resources

- No new updates

SEND

- No new updates

CWD

- No new updates

Children and Families (C&F)

- No new updates