SEND Improvement Board – Front Sheet

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<tr><td>Suffolk Local Area Partnership Meeting: SEND Improvement Board

Title of Item: Preparing for Adulthood Strategy

Item Author: Martine Simpson (Strategic Lead for Preparing for Adulthood)

Item Date:20/10/26</td><td>Current RAG Status

Previous RAG Status (N/A)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Purpose and description of item:
The Preparing for Adulthood Strategy provides a partnership-wide framework for improving outcomes for children and young people with SEND as they transition into adult life. Developed through engagement with children and young people, parent carers, education, health, social care and voluntary sector partners, it establishes a shared commitment to embedding Preparing for Adulthood across all services and pathways. The strategy aligns closely with the Suffolk SEND Strategy, Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP) and wider local partnership priorities to create a consistent "golden thread" of support from early years through adulthood.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">This item is linked to the following strategic priority(s) (Delete as appropriate):
Suffolk Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP) – Preparing for Adulthood building block
Suffolk SEND Strategy</td></tr>
<tr><td>What impact will this make to the lives of children and young people?
The strategy aims to improve long-term outcomes for children and young people with SEND by ensuring preparation for adulthood starts earlier, is more coordinated, and remains focused on what matters most to them. Through strengthened partnership working and clearer pathways, children and young people will have greater opportunities to develop independence, access education, employment and training, participate in their communities, maintain good health and experience smoother transitions into adult services. Ultimately, this will support more children and young people with SEND to achieve their aspirations, exercise</td><td>What metrics will be used to evidence impact on children and young people? How is this impact being measured (use quantifiable data):
Success will be monitored through a combination of performance data, quality assurance activity and lived experience feedback, including:
Increased numbers of young people with SEND progressing into education, employment and training (EET).
Improved experiences of transition between children's and adult services.
Greater participation of children, young people and families in Preparing for Adulthood planning and decision-making.</td></tr>
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choice and control, and live fulfilling adult lives	• Increased independence, community participation and access to inclusive opportunities. • Positive feedback from children, young people, families and partners through engagement activities, surveys and co-production forums. • Improved workforce confidence and consistency in embedding Preparing for Adulthood across education, health and care services
How and when will this item be reviewed? (if applicable): • The PfA Strategy will be reviewed and monitored regularly through the Preparing for Adulthood Subgroup **Lead Officer and service responsible for review and quality check:** • Chris Lee/ Matthew Cooke (AD SEND & Inclusion)	**What do you want the board to do? (Delete as appropriate)** **SEND Operational Group (10th Sept):** • For approval and sign off **SEND Improvement Board (20th October):** • For ratification and endorsement