# SEND Health Dashboard Update Report May 2021

## Health Reports Submitted for Education Health and Care Planning

The following shows the average timescales for Nelft professionals writing reports to contribute to EHC needs assessments from Jan 2021 to end of April 2021. Reports are cumulative:

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| **Service** | **Tot Health Advice Required from professionals by May 2021** | **%completed on time May 2021** | **%Completed on time April 2021** | **% completed on time March 2021** |
| **SALT** | 60 | 82% | 76.27% | 56% |
| **Nursing** | 1 | 100% | 100.00% | 0% |
| **Physiotherapy** | 7 | 57% | 57.14% | 67% |
| **Medical** | 78 | 33% | 33.33% | 42% |
| **CAMHS** | 28 | 82% | 81.82% | 56% |
| **Occupational Therapy** | 15 | 36% | 20.00% | 75% |

Average compliance across all groups this month is 62% compliance compared with 60% last month, however the professional groups vary in compliance significantly. Training was delivered to the schools nursing and health visiting team last month on the EHC process and their role within this. Reports are being requested from School Nursing/Health Visiting for children who are on the Child Protection register, are Looked After or who are considered Child in Need for reasons other than their disability. Compliance will be reported as from next month.

Speech and Language Therapy and CAMH’s continue to improve since last report in April 2021. Physiotherapy and medical reports have remained in the same position although the number of weeks late is reducing. The Occupational Therapy team are on an upward trajectory due to successful recruitment of a staff member now full inducted. The medical team are also now fully recruited which will improve compliance to timescales.

## Autism Diagnostic Pathway – Under 5’s

Data for September 2020 to May 2021 is below:

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| **Date** | **Referred** | **Number waiting 0-17 weeks** | **Number waiting 18 weeks to 52 weeks** | **Numbers waiting over 52 weeks** | **Longest wait** |
| Sept 2020 | NK | NA | 172 | 89 | 81 weeks |
| Feb 2021 | 11 | NA | 105 | 133 | 99 weeks |
| March 2021 | 23 | NA | 96 | 124 | 92 weeks |
| April 2021 | 13 | 73 | 85 | 84 | 50 weeks |
| May 2021 | TBC | 58 | 106 | 17 | TBC |

The external commissioning of the autism diagnostic appointments for 80 children who have been waiting the longest for appointments has now come to an end, with 123 children remaining to be seen waiting over 18 weeks, but only 17 of those waiting over 1 year, compared to 133 at one point in the year.

On average 217 children are referred each year. The service now has capacity to see 197 new assessments for children per year, with an average of 16 children seen each month. This means, if left unaddressed, for each year the waiting list will get longer by one month, starting at a waiting list of approximately one year. It is anticipated, however that the number of children referred for an autism diagnostic appointment will continue to rise with demand outstripping supply for diagnostic slots.

The business case to address this issue has been completed. The service has also made some changes to their approach to diagnosis. This includes identifying children from an earlier age who may be presenting with ADHD, and using a behavioural and psychoeducational approach to address their needs. This is being supported by the new Clinical Psychologist based in the under 5’s team at Wood Street. The experience of externally commissioning the service also highlighted the following:

* The benefits of closer working between CAMHS and Consultant Paediatricians across the under 5’s and over 5’s diagnostic pathways
* The need for a consistent post diagnostic offer across the agencies e.g. health/education/social care
* The importance of updating and implementing the Local Offer SEMH section for both parents and professionals to support their working with families and understand the local areas approaches.

## Transforming Care

### Preventing people with learning disabilities and or Autism, requiring hospital admission due to mental health needs.

As part of the transforming care agenda the CCG is expected to keep a risk register of young people who may require admission to hospital for mental health needs, and to regularly review this list as part of multi agency planning.

Where a young person may require admission to hospital or has already been admitted to hospital a care education treatment review is held.

Since previous report there was 1 CETR meetings called in the community, compared to 4 last month, and one CETR held following a child’s hospital admission.

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|  | **Community CETR - cumulative** | **Acute CETR - cumulative** | **Follow up Multi Disciplinary Team Meetings** | **Pre CETR - Multi Disciplinary Team Meetings** |
| **2019/20** | 6 | 1 | NK | NK |
| **Jan 2021** | 15 | 5 | 13 | 4 |
| **March 2021** | 18 | 6 | 15 | 5 |
| **April 2021** | 22 | 7 | Not collected | Not collected |
| **May 2021** | 23 | 8 | Not collected | Not collected |

There are currently 9 young people in an inpatient setting compared to 13 young people last month. Of these young people, five meet transforming care criteria and 4 have mental health needs but do not meet transforming care criteria.

Themes as previously reported for the types of actions that resulted from the CETR’s:

* Commissioning of positive behaviour support interventions from the CCG
* Commissioning of specialist education packages from the LA SEND department
* Commissioning of specialist equipment to meet a child’s needs to prevent escalation of behaviours by the CCG
* Commissioning of specialist assessments by the CCG e.g. Occupational Therapy, onward referrals to specialist CAMHS.

Children are discussed at the newly convened dynamic risk register meeting and actions from CETR or to reduce the need for a CETR are considered.

## Annual health Checks

For people of all ages, 1455 people are actually registered with their GP with a Learning Disability, of with 872 actually carried out to date. The national target for Waltham Forest is for the 908 people eligible to have their health check each year so the achievements to date are 92% of this target number has been achieved at the close of the year.

In February 2021 131 Young People aged 14-17 years were registered with their GP as having a learning disability, and of those 46 had had a health check completed.

By the end of March 2021 there are 132 patients registered and of these 76 have received an Annual Health Check (AHC) so 59% of those registered, an increase from 45% from February 2021. The number on the register is currently 129 due to people moving in a out of borough.

At the end of the reporting year the final report was:

**Total people on the Learning Disability (LD) Register: 1455**

**LD Register Adults 18+: 1167**

**LD Register CYP 14-17: 129**

To increase the registration and uptake of annual health checks the following actions have been taken:

* The commissioning and GP’s leads in this area completed training for GP’s in health checks December 2020.
* The Learning Disability Team have mailed out to all service users with Learning Disability known to their team, reminding them to book their annual health check with their GP. This is in easy read version.
* The therapy leads and DCO have worked with the SEND team to review and update annual review paperwork to ensure young people are identified who may be eligible for a health check at annual review, and their GP’s notified.

Of these actions, the final action is the most recent. At the SENCO forum in March 2021 this was raised by the SENCOS as an area for discussion, showing an increased awareness of LD health check in the professions working with young people at school and since this time annual reviews have started to be sent for DCO and DMO review with a view to writing to the young person’s GP. There is a follow up session in May 2021 with the heads of the Special Schools. The next action is to identify any young people over 14 years from their EHC needs assessment as to whether they would benefit from being added to the Learning Disability register.

## Covid 19 - Vaccination Eligibility and delivery of vaccines

This remains a challenging area particularly for the young people aged 16-17 years who must have the Pfizer vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine is the vaccine that can only be given at a vaccination centre. Actions taken to date to ensure young people with complex disabilities are accessing their vaccines include:

* Directly notifying the GP’s of all eligible Looked After young people around the country to request their vaccine is arranged
* Directly notifying the GP’s of all eligible young people under Wood Street previously shielded, requesting their vaccine is arranged
* Writing to GP’s of Looked After children who are eligible for the vaccine and also checking that they are being added to the LD register
* Arranging a dedicated vaccination clinic with additional support for people with LD at a vaccination centre and also local library and inviting eligible special school attenders amongst other

In April 2021 there was a specialist clinic held for 20 young people from the local Special Schools aged 16-18 years old who required the vaccine. There was also work done to try and support two individuals to be vaccinated at home who were not able to access the vaccine at the vaccination centre.

## Continuing Health Care

No new data to add this month.

There are currently 15 children/young people who receive Continuing care (1 transition young person still in hospital waiting for discharge) 12 are School age & have an EHCP (1 of those has not yet started school)

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