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| Project  Delivering Better Outcomes Together  Location  London Borough of Richmond and Kingston (Achieving for Children)  Topic  National Trial of a Single Route of Redress |

Learning from national trial appeals

Achieving for Children deliver education services for Kingston and Richmond. As of January 2021, they were 1561 children and young people with EHC plans in Richmond and 2494 who receive SEN Support. In Kingston there are 1439 with EHC plans and 2300 receiving SEN Support.

Local challenges

The team identified the following local challenges where improvements could be made:

1. Communication across the system
2. Engagement across health and social care
3. Timeliness of advice
4. CCG understanding of implications of National Trial
5. Social Care understanding of implications of National Trial
6. Complexity of local health economy

Solutions

1. **Collaborative working**

* DCO, DSCo and Tribunals Officer ​
* Health SEND Clinical Reference Group​
* Information sessions for health providers about tribunal process, quality of evidence and appearing as witness​
* Increased multiagency involvement at mediation

1. **Multiagency Tribunal Panel**

* The panel is attended by the Tribunals officer, DCO, Head SEND service, DSCo, Educational Psychologist. The purpose of the panel is;
  + Triage ​
  + Management of process​
  + Reports / expert witnesses​
  + Monitoring of process​
  + Reflection on completed appeals and lessons learnt.

1. **Management of process ​**

* DCO presents updates to local CCG Borough Committees
* Standing agenda item SEND Health Clinical Reference​
* Links with South West London DCO/DMO around tribunal process within the ICS

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