**005600 – NEPO Education, Health and Social Care (NE12+ Phase Two)**

**Notice to Extend Consultation Period with Providers of Services in Non-Maintained and Independent Special Schools and Colleges, Independent Children’s Residential Homes and Residential Short Breaks**

The NE12+ Collaborative held a Provider Engagement Event on Tuesday 28 February 2017 to present the NE12+ Phase Two proposed Commissioning Model prior to a consultation period of 2 weeks (Wednesday 1st March until Wednesday 15th March 2017). Following a review of feedback received, the NE12+ Collaborative have decided to consult for a further period of nine weeks from publication of this notice to ensure the Phase 2 model is sustainable for Providers and viable for Local Authorities.

Therefore, the Collaborative would like to formally announce an extension of the consultation period to allow an opportunity for Provider feedback to be considered **on the attached Revised Commissioning model**.

The consultation period will be open for nine weeks from publication of this notice and close on 12 June 2017.

During this period, all feedback already submitted will be considered, and further feedback on the attached revised model is invited. All feedback is to be submitted via the NEPO Portal or by email to Emma Bass (details below) by **5pm on 12 June 2017**.

During the consultation period, Providers and stakeholders are invited to attend a series of drop-in events to discuss their feedback on the NE12 revised Commissioning model. The first of these sessions will be held at Newcastle Civic Centre, Pandon Room on Tuesday 25th April 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Providers will need to contact Emma Bass (details below) to book a 30 minute session.

Emma Bass

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Please ensure you provide Emma with all of the following information:

1. Name of attendees

2. Role of attendees

3. Email and phone number for attendees

4. Organisation attendees will be representing

5. Setting attendees will be representing

6. Element of consultation attendees will be attending

If you are unable to attend the Event on Tuesday 25 April 2017, further drop-in sessions will be organised during the consultation period.