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REPORT TITLE

Decision Discussion Information

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Report signed off by: Andrew Bland – Director of Commissioning (Executive Director)

Purpose of the report:

The NSF for women, children and young people includes guidelines for developing services for disabled children and those with complex care needs. Part of this work includes developing wraparound services for these children to support and maintain them within our community and ensure they are able to reach their full potential, preventing their disability from impacting on their attainment and health.

This report seeks Board support to partnership commissioning arrangements for disabled children, with first steps as sign up to the PCT Aiming High for Disabled Children Charter, which will formalise current commissioning intentions and enable future funding streams to be robustly monitored and targeted to outcomes for disabled children.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD:

1. The Boards commits to support the Every Disabled Child Matters PCT Charter (see Appendix 1 and signs the charter.
2. The Board commits to requesting the Children and Young People’s Partnership to implement the Local Authority sign up to Every Disabled Child Matters LA Charter.
3. The Board supports the multi-agency action plan (see Appendix 1).
4. The Board considers the Health Transition Protocol to support the commitment to Aiming High for Disabled Children and considers next steps for integrated commissioning and provision of services for disabled children. See Board Paper.

RELATED PCT OBJECTIVES:

- Be the lead for health in Harrow by working with partners & engaging public
- Be a model employer
- Be a highly performing, innovative organisation
- Improve health in Harrow & reduce health inequalities
- Provide the people of Harrow with accessible & efficient care of the highest quality

Harrow PCT is a health improving organisation working in partnership with other agencies & the public. It allows for services to be planned & delivered across traditional boundaries & helps to improve the health of the local population and reduce health inequalities

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Ensure that our systems are robust and used appropriately by staff

RELATED STANDARDS FOR BETTER HEALTH:

- Patient Focus – improving experience – APA 5026SC
- Accessible and Responsive Care – C6
- Care Environment and Amenities – C17, C18
- Public Health – Health improvement and reducing health inequalities through targeted work – C7e

REPORT HISTORY:

- Be Healthy Sub group
- Transition Board
- Children and Young People’s Partnership
- North West London Paediatric Directorate Meeting
- Complex cases - commissioning
- Residential school and complex needs panel
- Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Strategy Group
- Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Advisory Group

REPORT TITLE

Aiming High for Disabled Children

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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This report seeks Board support to partnership commissioning for disabled children, with first steps as sign up to the PCT Aiming High for Disabled Children Charter, which will formalise current commissioning intentions and enable future funding streams to be robustly monitored and targeted to outcomes for disabled children.

2. TERMS/ACRONYMS USED IN THE REPORT

NSF – National Service Framework
PCT – Primary Care Trust
LA – local authority

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3. *Aiming High for Disabled Children* promises action in three priority areas to improve outcomes:

- Access and empowerment
- responsive services and timely support, and
- improving quality and capacity.

3.1 Access and empowerment

The development of a Core Offer for every child with disability will help make services more accessible. Children, young people and their families will be actively involved in the planning and delivery of services in their local area and know what they can expect from provider services to support them. This core offer along with measurement against the You're Welcome criteria to ensure all services provide appropriately child friendly environments, will enable all users/carers to understand the standard of service they are entitled to.

3.2 Responsive services and timely support

All professionals responsible for planning services for children, both locally and nationally, will focus on the services disabled children and young people need, particularly at key life stages such as the early years and in transition to adulthood.

3.3 Improving quality and capacity

Significant new funding will be allocated to the services families want and need, in particular short break services which families have described as their key priority.

3.4 Funding

During 2008 – 2011 the local authority will receive funding to support the delivery of Aiming High for Disabled Children against four streams: short breaks (respite), childcare, transition support programme and parent forums. The PCT will receive funding during 2009 – 2011 to work in partnership with the local authority.

LA Allocation

09 – 10 £281,781 10 – 11 £853,883

The PCT final allocation is yet to be identified.

3.5 Outcomes

The Children & Young People's Partnership will be measured against: a new national indicator which seeks to measure the experience of families' with disabled children, ability to demonstrate a core offer to every child with disability and ability to collect information supporting disabled children in Harrow.

3.6 Action plan – in order to begin the joint working required to deliver robust commissioning and provision of care for disabled children the PCT and Local Authority have developed an action plan (see Appendix 1).

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSEMENT

Commitment to Aiming High for Disabled Children should address inequities of access and improve public health of disabled children and their families.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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- a) The Board commits to support the Every Disabled Child Matters PCT Charter (see Appendix 2) and signs the charter.
- b) The Board commits to supporting the Children and Young People's Partnership to implement the Local Authority sign up to Every Disabled Child Matters LA Charter.
- c) The Board supports the multi-agency action plan (see Appendix 1).
- d) The Board considers the Health Transition Protocol to support the commitment to Aiming High for Disabled Children. See Board Paper.

APPENDICES

- 1. Every Disabled Child Matters PCT Charter
- 2. Multi-agency action plan.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/files/BB3352B1CB6073684ED0ACFB09AD5C72.pdf>

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Dearcolleagueletters/DH_082966

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/NationalServiceFrameworks/Children/Disabledchildrenandyoungpeople/index.htm>

http://www.edcm.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_7351ny_5681119920126y21v_20071093512c

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4089099

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4089112

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_4121562

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Joint Draft Action plan for achieving Every Disabled Child Matters

Action Plan for achieving Aiming High for Disabled Children Category		Person/By When	Progress report
Charter	Planned Action/Comment		
We know how many disabled children live in our area and that all agencies in our area are planning services on the basis of this knowledge.	Yes therapies have figures but need to share including trends more widely	Maria Luscombe, Carole Wells September 08	Need to add complex needs, LDD children and SEN action plus
There is a key worker service in our authority providing support to families who are accessing more than one specialist service.	Early years service cover 0 – 3 but needs expansion. Single point of referral into child health will enable CAF and lead professional model	Wendy Beeton September 08	Need to link with children's information service and Swift n Easy Referral
Our parent partnership service is sufficiently resourced to provide advice, information and support to parents of disabled children and young people who have been excluded from school.	Service in CwD Little Stanmore school	Roger Rickman/Mo Goss September 08	RR to share leaflet, AW add on PCT website
Parents and carers in our area are getting accurate and timely information and advice on the full range of services available to them and their families.	PCT clinics and children's centres become centres for information	Wendy Beeton Roger Rickman December 08	
All staff have received both disability equality training and training to ensure that they have core competencies to work with disabled children; relevant staff have received specialist training and other staff know how to contact them for	Confirm with recruitment policy/human resources for each agency. Link to developing integrated workforce strategy.	Paul Wedgbury/Angie Woods December 08	Need to link with shared education programmes and ensure link to CPD programmes across agencies

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information.			
Disabled children are involved in drawing up our Disability Equality Scheme and also in monitoring its effectiveness in eliminating discrimination.	Lead officer for disability equality to outline consultation plan.	Roger Rickman September 08	Contact LA equality lead
Our Children and Young People's Plan explains how we will provide specialist services and also make all universal services including extended schools and children's centres accessible to disabled children.	CYPP included disabled children and universal services (including extended schools) in its focus.	Betty Lynch achieved	
Our Local Area Agreement includes targets for the level of service to be delivered to families with a disabled child.	LAA included targets for disabled children	David Harrington achieved	
Disabled children and families are involved in the planning, commissioning and monitoring of services in our area, including both specialist and universal services.	Consultation 'Change for the Better' included disabled children, links with school council and via Kidz website enable feedback. Links with Youth Council	Angie Woods/Mary Moss/Anne Whitehead achieved	User group developing, youth council feedback suggestions. CAMHS user group developed
Signed			
Lead Member for Children's Services (or equivalent)			
NAME OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HERE			

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Primary Care Trust Charter

By January 2009, we will ensure that in our PCT...

__We know how many disabled children live in our area and that we are planning future services on the basis of this knowledge.

__We have an identified children's lead with specific responsibility for services for disabled children and families.

__We can demonstrate that we work closely with our local authority partners and have had an input into all the Children and Young People's Plans in our area and are members of all relevant Strategic Partnership Boards.

__All staff have received disability equality training and training to ensure that they have core competencies to work with disabled children; relevant staff have received specialist training and other staff know how to contact them.

__Parents, young people and carers in our area are getting accurate and timely information and advice on the services available to them.

__Disabled children are involved in drawing up our Disability Equality Scheme and monitoring its effectiveness in eliminating discrimination, including involvement in the planning, commissioning and monitoring of health services in our area.

__We are working to reform our community equipment and wheelchair service to improve the quality of the equipment available, and to address the holistic and changing needs of children and young people in a timely way.

__We are commissioning comprehensive specialist medical, nursing and therapy services for children with palliative care and complex health needs, and are working with all commissioners and local authorities in our area to integrate these services into wider children's services.

__We can demonstrate an effective partnership with disabled young people and adult service providers in our area to ensure a smooth transition to adult