



Derby City Council

Health and Wellbeing Board 11 July 2013

ITEM 7

Report of the Strategic Director of Children and Young People

Disabled Children's Charter

SUMMARY

- 1.1 A revised Disabled Children's Charter has been developed by the Every Disabled Child Matters arm of the National Children's Bureau in conjunction with The Children's Trust Tadworth and is being circulated to local Health and Wellbeing Boards for national sign up. Previously Derby's Children, Families and Learners Board has been signed up to an EDCM charter.
- 1.2 The Integrated Childrens Commissioning Group, including Public Health and the lead member for Childrens Services, Councillor Rawson, have indicated their support to the sign up and implementation of the Charter for Derby City.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To sign up to the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards for Derby City.
- 2.2 To agree responsibility for the development of an implementation plan and to support the commitment of relevant resources required to deliver this plan.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Signing up to the Charter will demonstrate a shared commitment to supporting and improving the life journey chances and outcomes of our disabled children and their families across health, social care and education partnerships.
- 3.2 The Charter will provide the overarching pledge and strategic approach for developing and providing integrated services for this population with shared accountability and responsibility for monitoring and achieving success against the life journey outcomes.
- 3.3 The Charter will ensure that children, young people and their families are enabled to fully participate in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and influence the commissioning and design of services and support that will best and most effectively meet their needs.
- 3.4 The Charter will be the driver to ensure that our data and information are robust and accurate so that there is confidence when informing the Joint Strategic Needs

Assessment and other needs assessments in relation to this population.

- 3.5 The Charter will underpin the commissioning culture focussed on cost effective, child-centred and long term impact interventions.
- 3.6 Derby City will be able to evidence delivery against 'Better Health Outcomes For Children and Young People' for its local cohort of disabled children and young people.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Derby City is already developing the structures and mechanisms through which elements of the Charter can be implemented and embedded e.g.: -
- Improvement of the JSNA in relation to disabled children with more robust and accurate input from Public Health, Intelligence and Performance and commissioned services;
 - The Integrated Childrens Commissioning Group (ICCG) and specific Integrated Disability and Special Educational Needs (SEN) commissioning sub-group which will have a range of deliverables that will provide evidence against a number of the Charter's commitments;
 - Development of a central Derby City Parents of Disabled Children and SEN Forum and the recruitment of a temporary Engagement Officer specifically tasked to support this group to become self-managing and self-sustaining;
 - Close working with the Engagement Officer for Children and Young People to improve participation and Derby City's support to the regional participation strategy.
- 4.2 Derby City will continue to work towards the principles of the Charter and will be able to demonstrate its achievement by July 2014.
- 4.3 Derby City is committed to being open, transparent and accessible and will ensure that the local Charter is in Plain English and can be understood by parents/carers and disabled children and young people .

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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| 5.1 | Not to sign up to the Charter. |
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This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The implementation of the Charter would support the direction of travel for integrated commissioning and pooled resources to cost effectively meet increasing demand and complexity of need.

Legal

- 2.1 The Charter has no legal basis but does assume that the commitment to it is underpinned by partners statutory obligations to this child population and their families.

Personnel

- 3.1 Members of the ICCG and Disabled Children and SEN Commissioning Sub Group.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 It is assumed that the NCB and The Children's Trust Tadworth have undertaken an EIA – local EIA has not been undertaken.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 N/A

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 N/A

Asset Management

- 7.1 N/A

Risk Management

- 8.1 The Charter will be publicised and the HWB may be open to challenge if the 7 commitments are not progressed – the Integrated Disabled Children and SEN Commissioning Group will manage and respond to any such challenge.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The Derby Plan 2011-2014: Good Health and Wellbeing and Good Quality Services That Meet Local Need.
- 9.2 Commissioning Business Plan 2013-14: to develop an integrated commissioning function (with health and schools) that delivers improved outcomes, efficiency and

value for money.