

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Request that the board sign up to the Disabled Children's Charter
- Recommend that Hampshire Children's Trust leads the programme of work to ensure that the requirements of the Charter are met.

1.2 This paper seeks to highlight:

- The Disabled Children's Charter and its requirements
- The risks and benefits to signing up to the charter
- The action that partners need to take to support successful adoption of the Charter

2. Context information

2.1 Every Disabled Child Matters and The Children's Trust, Tadworth have developed a Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards. The stated aim of the Charter is 'to support Health and Wellbeing Boards meet their responsibilities towards disabled children, young people and their families, including those with special educational needs and health conditions'. A copy of the Charter can be found in Appendix 1.

2.2 Consideration of the Charter is timely given that the JHWS Starting Well theme will have a focus on supporting improved outcomes for children and young people with disabilities.

3. What would signing the charter mean?

3.1 The Charter has seven key areas which need to be addressed to deliver the commitments. By becoming a signatory to the Charter it will provide focus for partners to address the health inequalities experienced by disabled children and their families. The Charter requires the following:

- We have detailed and accurate information on the disabled children and young people living in our area, and provide public information on how we plan to meet their needs.
- We engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.
- We engage directly with parent carers of disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.
- We set clear strategic outcomes for our partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and their families, monitor progress towards achieving them and hold each other to account.
- We promote early intervention and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people
- We work with key partners to strengthen integration between health, social care and education services, and with services provided by wider partners.
- We provide cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners.

4. What would the benefits be?

4.1 The authors of the Charter have identified the following benefits of signing the Charter and meeting its commitments as follows:

- Publicly articulate a vision for improving the quality of life and outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families;
- Understand the true needs of disabled children, young people and their families in your local area and how to meet them;
- Have greater confidence in targeting integrated commissioning on the needs of disabled children, young people and their families;
- Support a local focus on cost-effective and child-centred interventions to deliver long-term impacts;
- Build on local partnerships to deliver improvements to the quality of life and outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families;
- Develop a shared local focus on measuring and improving the outcomes experienced by disabled children, young people and their families;
- Demonstrate how your area will deliver the shared ambitions of the health system set out by the Government in 'Better Health Outcomes for Children and Young People: Our Pledge' for a key group of children and young people.

5. What would the risks be?

5.1 Signing up to the Charter supports the Boards commitment to children and young people and their families. That said we need to have sight of the following potential issues.

5.2 There are already a number of actions underway that would support delivery of the Charter. Many of the required actions have strategic, operational, financial benefits or could cause harm if not delivered. Most of them are tasks that would have happened anyway as they have the following implications:

- Without detailed and accurate information it will be difficult to plan.
- involvement of children, young people and their families is pivotal to shaping appropriate services
- Joined up strategic commissioning and provision helps stretch reducing resources at a time of increasing complexity of need and demand for services.
- Strong focused leadership is required to prevent strategic drift and drive work forward at an accelerated pace.

5.3 Completely fulfilling the Charter will entail additional work and accelerate the pace of change. While current action can be built upon there are risks in signing up to achieve all the requirements of the Charter. Appendix 2 maps out existing actions and what the future position will be. An action plan will be needed to bridge the gap between the current and future position. The future position described in the appendix has been informed by the information published alongside the charter that Health and Wellbeing Boards can use to evidence compliance.

5.4 When considering the gap between the current and future state there are two areas where significant action is needed which present the biggest risks. These are:

- **Detailed and accurate information on disabled children** - there is much to do to enable the sharing of intelligence to create a complete picture of service users and patients within specialist services. There is even more work to be done to pool data on universal services across sectors. It should therefore be recognised that this is a work in progress and is likely to be the most challenge element of achieving the required standard within the time constraint.
- **Engaging children and young people with disabilities** - significant work is needed to create a system to collate their feedback in order to inform strategy and the future direction of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Hampshire Children's Trust. The newly established Healthwatch Hampshire offers new opportunities to involve children and young people with disabilities and their families.

6. Next steps

6.1 The following steps would be required should partners wish to sign up to the Charter. These include:

1. Hampshire Children's Trust leading the programme of work by establishing a multi-agency Task and Finish Group to develop an action plan, using appendix 2 as a starting point
2. Hampshire Children's Trust Child Health Commissioning Group maintains overview of progress towards completion of the action plan.
3. Focused action takes place during 2014/15 to deliver the commitments as signed up to the Charter and the Trust shares progress periodically with Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The Charter supports the local priorities of both the Children and Young Peoples Plan and Hampshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Working together to achieve the Charters' commitments will give the opportunity for partners to share collective aspirations for children and young people with disabilities and work collaboratively with children, young people, their families and wider professional network.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>		<u>Date</u>
Health and Social Care Act		2012

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

2.1. Impact Assessments will be undertaken when an action plan is developed.

3. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

3.1. Impact Assessments will be undertaken when an action plan is developed.

4. Climate Change:

4.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable

4.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable

Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards

The**Health and Wellbeing Board** is committed to improving the quality of life and outcomes experienced by disabled children, young people and their families, including children and young people with special educational needs and health conditions. We will work together in partnership with disabled children and young people, and their families to improve universal and specialised services, and ensure they receive the support they need, when they need it. Disabled children and young people will be supported so that they can lead ordinary lives.

By [date within 1 year of signing the Charter] our Health and Wellbeing Board will provide evidence that:

- 1. We have detailed and accurate information** on the disabled children and young people living in our area, and provide public information on how we plan to meet their needs
- 2. We engage directly with disabled children and young people** and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board
- 3. We engage directly with parent carers** of disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board
- 4. We set clear strategic outcomes** for our partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and their families, monitor progress towards achieving them and hold each other to account
- 5. We promote early intervention** and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people
- 6. We work with key partners to strengthen integration** between health, social care and education services, and with services provided by wider partners
- 7. We provide cohesive governance** and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners

Signed by:

Date:

Position: Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board

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DISABLED CHILDREN'S CHARTER - CURRENT / FUTURE ACTIONS

CHARTER	CURRENT POSITION	FUTURE POSITION
<p>1. Detailed and accurate information on the disabled children and young people living in our area, and provide public information on how we plan to meet their needs</p>	<p>A variety of information used to inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) process - there is acknowledgment in the JSNA that more work is needed to get a fuller picture</p> <p>A variety of systems used by partners to capture information in relation to children and young people with disabilities that use services</p> <p>Limited engagement of children and young people with disabilities and their families in the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p> <p>Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Starting Well theme focuses on children and young people with disabilities</p> <p>The Children and Young Peoples Plan has a clear focus on children and young people with disabilities</p>	<p>The full range of sources of information collected on disabled children, young people and their families is collated, analysed and used to inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) process</p> <p>The quality assurance process used to ensure that information and data on disabled children, young people and their families used to inform commissioning is sufficiently detailed and accurate</p> <p>Children and young people and their families are strategically involved in identifying need, and evidence and feedback on their experiences is used to inform the JSNA process</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board and Children Trust clearly articulate how they will support partners to commission appropriately to meet the needs of local disabled children, young people and their families</p>
<p>2. Engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board</p>	<p>There are adhoc arrangements in place to engage children and young people with disabilities. These mostly focus on service change.</p> <p>A number of topic orientated focus groups have taken place to inform the key areas of work</p> <p>There is limited infrastructure to support the engagement of children and young people with disabilities</p>	<p>Children and young people with disabilities are involved in the JSNA process</p> <p>Children and young people with disabilities are involved in the work of the sub-groups of the Children's Trust in a meaningful way</p> <p>Views of children and young people with disabilities is routinely collected and collated and informs strategic commissioning intent and provision</p>

<p>3. Engage directly with parent carers of disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board</p>	<p>Parent carers of children and young people with disabilities have a variety of opportunities to engage in service change such as through the SEN Pathfinder Programme and Transition Programme</p> <p>Partnership working with some of the key carer organisations in Hampshire</p> <p>Parent carer rep on the Joint Child Health Commissioning Group</p> <p>Parent carers were involved in the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p>	<p>Parent carers of children with disabilities are engaged in the JSNA process</p> <p>Parent carers are involved in the delivery of the JHWS</p> <p>Parent carer representation on the transition programme Board</p>
<p>4. Clear strategic outcomes for our partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and their families, monitor progress towards achieving them and hold each other to account</p>	<p>Children and Young People Plan has a strong focus on children and young people with disabilities</p> <p>Joint Child Health Commissioning Board has a focus on joint therapy commissioning, CAMHS and SEN Transformation Programme and Transition Programme</p> <p>Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Starting Well has a strong focus on Children and Young People with Disabilities</p>	<p>Public information on the status of outcomes for children and young people with disabilities based on CYPP outcomes for priority 3 and 5, NHS and Public Health Outcomes Framework</p>
<p>5. Promote early intervention and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people</p>	<p>The development of the Transition Programme Board</p> <p>Transition Team</p> <p>Transition strategy development</p>	<p>Delivery of the Transition Programme Plan that is making a real difference to children and young people and their carers</p>

<p>6. Strengthen integration between health, social care and education services, and with services provided by wider partners</p>	<p>SEN Pathfinder status</p> <p>Application for Integrated Care Pioneer Status</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's Trust is informed by those with expertise in education, and children's health and social care</p> <p>The wider infrastructure of the Board and Children's Trust engages housing, transport, safeguarding and the youth justice system</p>	<p>Steps taken to encourage integrated working between health, social care, education and wider partners in order to improve the services accessed by disabled children, young people and their families</p>
<p>7. Cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners</p>	<p>Wider architecture that sits around the Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's Trust has been mapped</p> <p>Protocols are being written to make best use of arrangements</p>	<p>Strong links between forums which set strategic direction for disabled children's services, including Children's Trust, Safeguarding and Local Children's Partnerships</p> <p>JSNA and CYPP/JHWS is aligned with reviewing and commissioning cycles so as to bring together a body of evidence</p>