

Evidence to support the decision for the Health and Wellbeing Board to commit and sign the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Well Being (May 2013)

The Charter asks that the Health and Wellbeing Board will provide evidence within one year. It is recommended that if the H&WBB agree to sign the Charter then the responsibility to collate the evidence will be through the Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN.

Below are seven statements that the H&WBB will need to provide evidence for to fulfil the Charter, under each statement is the current information to support fulfilling the Charter. Work is still required to fully meet the Charter, however, work is underway and plans in place to achieve the statements in one year's time.

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.

Data collection and quality remains problematic however, the work of the Integrated Commissioning Hub, the Integrated Community Children and Young People's Healthcare Programme and the SEND Pathfinder will significantly improve this. A Local Offer is being developed which will describe the support available in Nottinghamshire for children and young people with disabilities. Work is also underway to improve the uptake of children and young people who are on the Nottinghamshire Children and Young People's Disability Register which is currently quite low.

2. We engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.

Young People and families are fully involved in the Integrated Community Children and Young People's Healthcare Programme and the SEND Pathfinder. A participation group has been established for young people at APTCOO as the voluntary partner for the SEND Pathfinder.

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.

There are parents as members of the Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN.

Parents and carers are fully involved in the Integrated Community Children and Young People's Healthcare Programme and the SEND Pathfinder. Participation groups have been established for parents and carers at APTCOO as the voluntary partner for the SEND Pathfinder. Parents/carers are represented in both the Core Delivery Team and Programme Board. The development of the Local Offer is in partnership with parent and carers and plans are in place to engage with Healthwatch.

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.

This is carried out through the Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN Joint Commissioning Strategy. This strategy is updated annually and performance monitored through the Children's Trust Board. Improving the effectiveness of services for disabled children through joint planning and commissioning is a priority in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2011-14.

5. We promote early intervention and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people.

The Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy (NCC, 2011) and The Pathway to Provision Multiagency Thresholds Guidance (NCC, 2012) promotes the importance of early intervention.

Review of the multi-agency transitions protocol to ensure it meets the needs of all children & young people transitioning into adult services is a priority in the Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN Joint Commissioning Strategy. Recent progress has been slow, however, the protocol is to be reviewed by September 2013, which will be undertaken through Transitions Operational Group.

6. We work with key partners to strengthen integration between health, social care, and education services, and with services provided by wider partners

The Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN has commissioning representation from parents, health, social care and education. Plans are in place to have a provider forum annually which will include health, social care, education and the third sector. The SEND Pathfinder is a joint programme of work led by Nottinghamshire County Council including partners from health and the third sector.

The Integrated Commissioning Hub that will be operational from September 2013 will facilitate integrated planning, commissioning and provision of services, to improve outcomes and meet the health and well-being needs of children and young people.

7. We provide cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners.

There is a clear Governance arrangement in place with the Integrated Commissioning Group (ICG) for Children & Young People with Disability and SEN being a core group of the Children's Trust Board which provides performance monitoring of this groups work. Leadership is distributed across partners and will be strengthened through the Integrated Commissioning Hub with having a dedicated team of commissioners for Children's health and wellbeing services. Involvement of the Health and Wellbeing Board through the signing of the Charter will help shape the overarching governance and leadership structures.