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Children & Young People's Department

Aiming High Governance Structures

The Aiming High programme aims to transform services for disabled children to deliver :

- The Full Service Offer in relation to Short Breaks
- The Core Offer in relation to all services
- A wider set of Transition arrangements which includes all young people with SEN and complex health issues

A revised Governance Structure is therefore proposed as set in appendix 1 , the intent being over the course of the following 12 months to review how more integrated planning and commissioning arrangements are put in place across the Council, PCT and health services

Aiming High

Within Aiming High there is a reporting requirement to evidence progress in meeting of the Full Service Offer, and Short Breaks Plans. Monthly reporting requirements are in place

1.1 AHDC Executive Group

To ensure planning occurs in a co-ordinated manner across Council and PCT an Executive group will be formed. This group will oversee commissioning decisions in relation to the programme. Cabinet approval is being sought for the Children And Young People`s Strategic Partnership Board, to have delegated authority to approve spend.

*Current membership of this group
(previously called Steering Group)*

PCT

Director of Strategic Partnerships (Chair)
Children`s Integrated Services Manager
(PCT Lead)

Participation and Inclusion Branch

Head of Branch

Social Care Branch

Head of Branch
Commissioning Manager (Project Lead)
CWD Service Manager (Council Lead)

Additional members

SEN Strategic Manager
Link Forum representative
Capital Lead
Project Manager

1.2 AHDC Operational Group

Within Aiming High there is a reporting requirement to evidence progress in meeting of the Full Service Offer, and Short Breaks Plans. In developing the AHDC Short Breaks programme it is now proposed to form an Operational Group to work to the Executive Group in the development of the Full Service Offer for short breaks. Monthly reporting requirements are in place.

They will retain responsibility to :

- Structure commissioning planning to deliver on the Implementation Plan
- Monitor performance management requirements to ensure the Council and PCT progress delivery in line with the Staged Progression Framework as set out by Together for Disabled Children to meet the Full Service Offer
- Co-ordinate workforce development issues across the services
- Monitor group structures to confirm the need for additional task and finish pieces of work and or other sub groups
- Develop eligibility criteria.
- Ensure Data and Financial planning is being effectively supported
- Monitor service reviews of specialist Short Breaks and Family Support

1.3 AHDC Stakeholder Meetings

In place of the planning group it is now proposed to have stakeholder meetings

This will help monitor the vision for short break services as informed by all stakeholders : children and young people, parents and carers, professionals and service providers.

Initially we will meet 4 times this year

1.4 AHDC Sub Group Structure

It is proposed to simplify the new sub group structure reporting to the Executive group.

To drive forwards the AHDC Short Breaks Strategy it is now proposed to have 3 groups

Developing Services

The Short Breaks Plan should prompt the bringing together of activity across Play and Youth Strategies, Extended Schools, and develop Holiday play schemes, youth and leisure services for children with SEN and widen opportunities for socially inclusive

activity. This work should for this group of young people develop planning that has been started in these currently separate strands.

Capital and Transport

This group will work to oversee capital developments which should support the key objectives of the programme, and ensure that it also fits with other key strategies. Transport and equipment will form secondary strands of this groups key tasks – with links being made to the Integrated Community Equipment Stores Stakeholder group as required.

Workforce Development

The task of developing both specialist services and inclusive provision will require a joined up approach across Council and PCT. A further key element in relation to training will be to ensure that the training programmes in place for mainstream services supports the social inclusion of all disabled youngsters. There is a clear expectation of engaging parents in delivering training to staff, and to providing learning opportunities for families. This group will report to the Workforce Strategy Group

2.0 LDD Strategy Group

Aiming High provides benchmark standards in relation to the provision of information, consultation and participation, which will require the Council and PCT to develop joined up and effective mechanisms for these 3 areas. The LDD Group will need to review how it moves forwards the wider Core Offer, and one new group has been commenced to improve the co-ordination of Information and Consultation principally.

Engagement and Involvement Group

A new tender is to be confirmed in the next month which it is expected will bring together parent support and SEN partnership services, with the new provider working with the Council and PCT to ensure consultation and participation is developed in a more strategic manner.

A formal Consultation Strategy has been developed, and an new action plan will be agreed with key stakeholders for the next 12 month period. Additional parent representative training sessions have been commissioned to reinforce parent's capacity.

It is proposed to talk to key parents involved with the LDD, AHDC groups and Forums how they would choose to be involved within this group, and leadership roles. The new group will otherwise include representative from Council and PCT, and the new service providers.

Transition & LDD Progression through Partnership

Transition forms a discrete strand within Aiming High, with raised expectations in relation to all young people who have a statement of SEN, and need for support from a range of health care services. It is proposed to maintain the current Transition Strategy and LDD Progression through Partnership Strategy Groups; however to draw together the Governance Groups at this time. These are not represented on this diagram given the varied reporting arrangements with different agencies.