

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013/2014

MEETING TITLE AND DATE
Health and Wellbeing Board
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| Subject: Disabled Children's Charter For Health and Wellbeing Boards | |
| Wards: All | |
| Cabinet Member consulted: | |

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

By signing the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards we will be agreeing to provide evidence over the next 12 months of how our HWB meets each commitment.

Attached to this report is a report on the current situation with regard to each commitment. In brief the Board is stating that it is committed to improving the quality of life and outcomes experienced by disabled children, young people and their families. The Board will be agreeing to work in partnership with families to improve universal and specialist provision.

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 to fulfil their potential and achieve their aspirations and the needs of the family will be met so they can lead ordinary lives.

By (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 transition 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.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board formally signs up to the Charter.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Charter was developed by EDCM - Every Disabled Child Matters in partnership with The Children's Trust, Tadworth. The Charter has been developed to support Health and Wellbeing Boards to meet the needs of all children and young people with disabilities, SEN or health conditions. The Charter includes commitments to collect accurate data, engage directly with CWD and their families, set clear strategic outcomes for partners to meet; and more. Signatories will need to provide evidence within one year of how their Board has/is meeting its commitments.
- 3.2 Through our current integrated working arrangements we identify a named person from health, social care and education to lead on the work themes in order to meet each commitment. This will necessitate agreeing a set of shared strategic outcomes for partners ensuring that mechanisms are in place to measure and monitor progress.
- 3.3 **Benefits to Health and Wellbeing Board of signing the Charter and meeting its commitments:**
 - Publicly articulate a vision for improving the quality of life and outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families

- Demonstrate an understanding of the true needs of disabled children, young people and their families in our local area and how to meet them
- Gives greater confidence in targeting integrated commissioning on the needs of disabled children, young people and their families.
- Supports a local focus on cost-effective and child-centred interventions to deliver long term impacts
- Builds on local partnerships to deliver improvements to the quality of life and outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families.
- Develops a shared local focus on measuring and improving the outcomes experienced by disabled children, young people and their families.
- Demonstrates how our area will deliver the shared ambitions of the health system set out by the Government in 'Better Health Outcomes for Children and young people.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not signing the Charter

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Improving the life chances of disabled children and their families

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

Financial Spend is in line with existing allocation and planned spending

6.2 Legal Implications

Section 195 (1) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 imposes a duty on a Health and Wellbeing Board to 'encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in that area to work in an integrated manner... for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in its area'.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 inserted a new section 2B in the National Health Service Act 2006, which requires a local authority to 'take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area'. This may include 'providing information and advice' (S2B(3)(a)). The recommendations within this report are within these powers.