

# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Agenda Item 41

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** **An update and review of therapy services for Disabled Children**

**Date of Meeting:** **20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Report of:** **Director of Children's Services**

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**Wards Affected:** All

## FOR GENERAL RELEASE

### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

This report provides an update on the actions taken by the Children and Young Peoples Trust (CYPT) regarding therapy provision for disabled children in Brighton and Hove, following the concerns raised from CYPOSC regarding delivery of therapy services to children and capacity issues raised by the Parent Carer Council. It follows a presentation to CYPOSC in January 2009

#### 1.1 The key national policy drivers are

- Commissioning a World Class Service. (DH 2007)
- Every Child Matters(DH 2003)  
Parliamentary Disabled Children's Review (SO 2007)
- Improving the Life Chances of Disabled People (DWP/DfES/DH 2005)
- Removing Barriers to Achievement (DfES 2004)
- National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services, especially Standards 6 and 8. (DH 2004)
- Palliative Care Services for Children and Young People in England. (DH 2007)
- Aiming High for Disabled Children; Better Support for Families (DfES 2007)
- The Bercow Review of Services for Children and Young People (0-19) with Speech, Language and Communication Needs (DCSF 2008).

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 CYPOSC is asked to note the progress that has been made following the decision by the CYPT to commission an external consultant to undertake a review of all therapy service provided within the Integrated Child Development and Disability Service (ICDDS).
- 2.2 CYPOSC is asked to note that the ICDDS together with the PCT has planned a consultation event with all key partner agencies from health, social care and education services and to include the Parent Carer Council (PCC) in order to agree an action plan following the review. This is scheduled to take place on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2010
- 2.3 CYPOSC is also asked to note that the CYPT has planned a whole scale review of the 2005 commissioning strategy for 2010 which will further inform therapy provision and take account of key commissioning decisions in relation to Chailey Heritage Clinical Services.

## **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 Local policy drivers which have influenced the review include:
  - The Commissioning Strategy for Children and Young People with a Disability, Complex Health Needs and SEN.
  - The Commissioning Strategy 2005/6.
  - The Disability Strategy three years on - A stock take. July 2009
  - Background papers from parent/carer consultations December 2008 to present
  - Business Case and Options Appraisal initial report to the PCT September 2009.
- 3.2 As a response to concerns raised in a report presented to CYPOSC in January 2009 by the PCC and in order to achieve the requirements of World Class Commissioning within the NHS, an external review was commissioned jointly by the CYPT and PCT using the expertise of the College of Occupational Therapy. The findings of the report are presented in brief as Appendix 1.

## **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The review involved all key partner agencies and this involved one to one interviews. The consultant undertook an analysis of the strategic and operational activity regarding therapy services undertaken in the last 4 years.

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 Financial Implications:

Any recommendations made as a result of the reviews of therapy services or of the commissioning strategy will need to be properly costed. If the costs of these are in excess of the existing budgets for this service then alternative funding will need to be identified.

Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates

Date: 08.01.10

5.2 Legal Implications:

The review will assist the agencies within the CYPT to deliver their duties in this area, both under statute and within the national framework and expectations outlined in the body of the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 06.01.10

5.3 Equalities Implications:

The capacity for disabled children to access therapeutic support in an effective and timely way impacts, in turn, on their capacity to meet their full potential and as such to play a full role in their community.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

There are no sustainability Implications

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

There are no implications for crime and disorder

5.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

There are no risk and opportunity management implications

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

There are no corporate or citywide implications

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Executive Summary Review of Children's Occupational Therapy Services for Brighton & Hove Children's Trust – College of Occupational Therapists.

### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1. Review of Children's Occupational Therapy Services for Brighton & Hove Children's Trust – College of Occupational Therapists.

### **Background Documents**

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- 2.

