

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 4 June 2013

Agenda item: 12

Wards: All

Subject: Disabled Children's Charter

Lead officer: Simon Williams, Director of Community and Housing, Yvette Stanley, Director of Children, Schools and Families

Lead member: Councillor Linda Kirby, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Councillor Maxi Martin Cabinet Member for Children Schools and Families.

Forward Plan reference number:

Contact officer: Clarissa Larsen, Partnership Manager Health and Wellbeing Board

Recommendations:

- A. That the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees that the Chair sign the Disabled Children's Charter on behalf of the HWB.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The HWB and the Children Trust Board have received a request from Every Disabled Child Matters and The Children's Trust Tadworth to sign the Disabled Children's Trust Charter. The Children's Trust Board has previously signed up to the Every Disabled Child Matters Charter and this is now being extended to include all partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. DETAILS

- 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'.
- 2.2 Full details of the Charter are included in Appendix 1 and are also available online at: <http://www.edcm.org.uk/campaigns-and-policy/health/health-and-wellbeing-board>
- 2.3 In summary the HWB is asked to sign up to a commitment to improve the quality of life and outcomes experienced by disabled children. Specifically that, within one year of signing the Charter, the Health and Wellbeing Board will provide evidence that:
 - 2.3.1 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.
 - 2.3.2 We engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.3.3 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.

2.3.4 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.

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

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

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

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

This is a request that has been made to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

The Council has previously signed up to the Every Disabled Child Matters Charter and the HWB Disabled Children's Charter has been sent to Merton CCG for consideration.

5. TIMETABLE

The Charter requires HWBs to agree to provide evidence of the criteria set one year on from signing.

6. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The Council has previously signed up to the Every Disabled Child Matter Charter.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

The Disabled Children's Charter for HWBs is fundamentally concerned with promoting equality..

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

11. APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix 1 Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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 to fulfil their potential and achieve their aspirations and the needs of the family will be met 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.

For guidance on meeting these commitments, please read the accompanying document: [Why sign the Charter?](#)



Every Disabled Child Matters (EDCM) is the campaign to get rights and justice for every disabled child. It has been set up by four leading organisations working with disabled children and their families – Contact a Family, the Council for Disabled Children, Mencap and the Special Educational Consortium. EDCM is hosted by the National Children's Bureau, Charity registration number: 258825.

The Children's Trust, Tadworth is a national charity providing specialist services to disabled children and young people across the UK. These services include rehabilitation and support for children with acquired brain injury, expert nursing care for children with complex health needs, and residential education for pupils with profound and multiple learning difficulties at The School for Profound Education. Charity registration number: 288018. Find out more about the work of The Children's Trust, Tadworth at www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk



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