



Agenda item:

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Title of meeting: Health and Well Being Board

Date of meeting: 3rd September 2014

Subject: Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards

Report by: Julian Wooster, Director of Children's Services and Adults Services

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose

1.1. To seek the Health and Wellbeing Board's approval to sign the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards

2. Recommendations:

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board sign the Disabled Children's Charter as a statement of their commitment "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".

3. Background

3.1 The Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards (set out as Appendix A) has been developed as part of the 'Every Disabled Child Matters' campaign to help local areas demonstrate how they will deliver the shared ambitions of the health system set out by the Government ¹.

¹ Department of Health (2013), Better Health Outcomes for Children and Young People: Our Pledge

7 Reasons for recommendations

- 7.1 This charter will help the board articulate its vision for delivering the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority to ensure all children and young people get the best possible start in life. The principles it proposes are very much in line with what the city, the Children's Trust Board, the Children with Disabilities Board and its implementation group are striving to achieve.

8. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1 An EIA will not be required.

9. Head of Legal's comments

- 9.1 There are no other immediate legal implications arising from this report

10. Head of Finance's comments

- 10.1 There are no direct financial implications contained within the recommendations of this report.

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Signed by: Julian Wooster, Director of Children's and Adults Services

Appendices:

A - Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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Signed by:

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**

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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