

## Delivering the Disabled Children's Strategy: 'A full part in community life'

Action Plan September 2011 – March 2013

Objectives by 2014	Goals by March 2013	Tactics	By	Lead	Impact Measure
1. Give families greater control in meeting the needs of their children and young people	1a Establish personal budgeting model	Pilot personalised budgets / direct payments with short breaks providers (Evaluation published by March 2012)	Dec	CdC	Satisfaction rates for parents with use of personal budgets to access support (before / after)
		Analyse spend to understand the pattern of current expenditure	Sept 11	CdC	
		Publish personal budgets model for consultation and confirm common personal budgets pathway to adult services	June 12	AK	Increasing number of parents using personal budgets
		Implement personal budgets model	Oct 12	AK	
	1b Develop parents skills in care planning, using family, community and public sector resources	Identify good practice models and consult with parents and partners	Mar 12	CdC	Qualitative assessment of care plans
		Develop and implement programme of support for parents, particularly those that are vulnerable themselves, including in financial management and employing people etc	Oct 12	CdC	
		Confirm the relationship between the Solihull Signpost Inclusion CIC and key partners including the Council and Langley School	Nov 11	MM/ JK/ BL / CdC	tbc
		Determine how CIC can support parents to develop appropriate skills	Jan 12	CdC/JK	tbc
2. Create greater choice of services for families of disabled children and young people	2a Review Council & PCT contracts/delivery for specialist services and inclusion support for disabled children and young people	Consult parents on how inclusive leisure services are and where there are gaps	Dec 11	NG / RG	Measure of parental confidence in inclusion of children with disabilities
		Further develop inclusive leisure opportunities for the whole family	Apr 12	NG	
		Review inclusion and family support across the extended services offer	Apr 12	RS / JL / AM	Number of disabled children and young people taking part in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ leisure activities at Tudor Grange &amp; North Solihull Leisure Centres (specialist &amp; inclusive)</li> <li>○ Youth Services</li> <li>○ Extended services in schools</li> </ul>
		Review inclusion of disabled children in all children's centres activities	Nov 11	AC	
		Review inclusion across the Council's youth services offer	Apr 12	SWard	

		Publish a destination report into education, employment or training for young people leaving school and college.	Mar 12	MO'C / PB	Provide a benchmark for the proportion of disabled young people in education, employment & training
		Increase local work related education and training provision	Sept 12	AQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New provision established</li> </ul>
		Development of established provision in local colleges and within voluntary organisations	Sept 12	AQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Young people accessing college provision and opportunities within voluntary organisations</li> </ul>
		Confirm process for stimulating new business in the Solihull market	Jan 12	CdC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul>
		Short breaks entitlement project plan agreed	Jan 12	CdC / LT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plan published to schedule</li> </ul>
		Evaluate SMBC Children's Disability Team services and ensure they are best resourced to deliver their statutory duties and support to children and families in line with this strategy.	Jan 12	TR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Purpose and budget confirmed by March 12</li> </ul>
		Conduct needs and gap analysis for SEN Out of Borough placements	Jan 12	CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Needs and Gap analysis informs future service planning</li> </ul>
		Transport policy aligned with available resources	Sep 11	C Bishop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transport policies published March 12</li> </ul>
		Explore cost of providing transport for pre school children	Dec 11	CdC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding implications fed into budget setting process</li> </ul>
3. Secure quality information services for families	3a Make information available for parents in accessible ways	Regularly review, maintain and promote a parents' web area, with links to local and national information on a range of topics	Jan 12	CA	Families report that they are able to find the information they need, and that it helps them get access services (Ask Parents survey)
		Promote the Parents Network and provide regular information bulletins and newsletters to families	Ongoing	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increased number of parents on network</li> <li>○ Practitioners use the network to distribute information to families</li> </ul>

		Deliver briefing sessions to all new parent volunteers to help them provide information to families (Parent Champions, Face to Face befrienders)	Ongoing	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All new volunteers attend a briefing</li> <li>○ Volunteers state that they feel able to deliver information to families</li> </ul>
		Develop community parents scheme and deliver briefing sessions to all new community parents on providing information to families	July 12	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase in volunteers</li> <li>○ Volunteers are able to deliver information</li> </ul>
		Develop and deliver briefing sessions to key services/practitioners to support them to deliver information to families	Jan 12 Ongoing	CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key practitioners attend a briefing session</li> <li>○ Practitioners state they feel more able to deliver information to families</li> </ul>
		Short Breaks Entitlement published	Oct 11	AK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Baseline established re web hits</li> <li>○ Increase web hits</li> </ul>
	3b Further develop strategy for providing information to disabled young people	Define what information should be accessible for young people	Dec 11	AQ / MM	Method for collecting feedback from young people to be considered as part of this development
	Define and deliver routes to provide information to disabled young people	March 11	AQ / MM		
4. Ensure timely access to appropriate support (especially at transitions)	4a Develop integrated identification and assessment	Consolidate Meadow Centre support to under 6's and develop post diagnostic support to over 6's		RMcA / SH	Appropriate support available
		Develop single assessment process (Education, Health and Care Plan)		JE	Single assessment process in place
		Publish an Early Support Implementation Strategy, supporting delivery of the national "Early Support and Key Working" project	Nov 11	FH	
	4c Ensure seamless transition for young people into adult services	Transition Board to identify good practice and development required to improved processes		JE/AQ	Transition services developed

5. Strengthen capability and confidence of services to meet the needs of disabled children and young people to promote their independence and to raise their aspirations	5a Early Years & Children's Centres	Review inclusion support to settings and develop commissioning proposals for 2012 onwards.	Oct 11	SW/FH/JA	Measure of setting / service confidence in inclusion of children with disabilities
		Agree proposals and funding for early years inclusion support with Council & Schools Forum	Jan 12	BL / CP	
		Children's centres workforce tasks to be confirmed once review completed in Nov 2011	tbc	tbc	
	5b Schools	Confirm current performance in terms of confidence in inclusion and attainment	Nov 11	JA	Schools/parents report greater confidence in inclusion  Attainment measure tbc
		Agree proposals and funding for early years inclusion support with Council & Schools Forum	Jan 12	CP / JA	
	5c Leisure services	Leisure services workforce tasks to be completed once review completed in Dec 2011	tbc	tbc	tbc
	5d GPs	GP workforce tasks to be confirmed with Chair of Solihull Health	Oct 11	RG	tbc
	5e Voluntary organisations	Voluntary Sector workforce tasks to be confirmed with SUSTAIN	Oct 11	RG	tbc
	5f Personal budgets	Explore with pilot organisations workforce issues arising from use of personal budgets	Nov 11	RG	Measure of services confidence in use of personal budgets
		Develop strategy to address issues	Jan 12	AK/RG	

Key to initials: