

# **Children's services**

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- **National Policy context**
- **Local priorities**
- **Links to operating framework/vital signs**
- **Provider services response**
- **Working with PbC**

## Policy context

- Increasing attention on children and maternity services reflected in:

- Maternity Matters
- Aiming High for Disabled Children
- Palliative Care review
- Operating Framework
- Every Child Matters/ Children Act
- Working Together to Safeguard children
- Improving Lives – Saving Lives
- 18 weeks

*got to ↑ investment  
in these areas*

*community problems*

*to meet this particularly*

*where multiplicity of  
interventions*

## Local issues

- Long waits in therapy provision esp. SALT
- Significant reductions in universal services
- High levels of obesity in children
- Teenage Pregnancy rates
- JAR outcomes focussed on
  - Safeguarding & LAC
  - Children with disability especially LD
  - CAMHS

review  
not  
very good

do public  
badly

because  
of  
recruitment  
freeze

HV

overall hitting  
targets  
but pockets  
of  
problems

# Policy implementation

This means we have to:

1. Deliver the choice agenda in Maternity Matters
2. Increase and develop services for disabled children
3. Develop a children's palliative care strategy
4. Focus more on children's emotional health and well-being and CAMHS
5. Respond to the childhood obesity challenge
6. Continue the focus of integrated children's services
7. Focus on early intervention and prevention
8. Commission therapy interventions for disabled children
9. Implement child death review arrangements
10. Prioritise services for vulnerable children e.g. LAC

Have to make real change

pathway & access

short breaks respite

more than just measuring them

CAF

financial gains

getting back what extra money national

18,000 identified as disability giving above nat. average

## Performance management

We will be measured via LAA/vital signs/AHC on

- CAMHS provision
- Services for disabled children
- Obesity
- Breastfeeding
- Children's emotional health and well-being
- Teenage pregnancy
- Direct access to midwives by 12 weeks
- Child death review implementation

*annual  
health  
check*

## Provider Services Response

- Include ante natal element into HV service specification & agree AN and PN care pathways.
- Reduce waiting times for community paediatrics, audiology & therapies to 18 weeks RTT. Review how HV/SN Specialist role for disabled children is delivered. Develop proposal for paediatric continence service.
- Review county Children's palliative care service to include a psychology element & address current transition to adulthood issues.

Service  
for children  
with

In W Herts (with SN)  
Provider services  
provide specialist-children's  
services  
Staff came ~~up~~ over on 1/10/06

life  
limiting  
diseases

## Provider Services response cont.

- Review evidence of effectiveness of NH&S Emotional Health & WB Nurse in School Nursing service & offer to other PBC areas.
- Agree capacity increases in school nursing, HV (& ? Dietetics) services to meet requirement to screen children, but also to prevent obesity.
- Implement local integrated teams of HV&SN services, including training posts.
- Contribute staffing time to integrated practice, focussed on children and young people at preventive stage

Practice  
in  
Baldoak

out to

consultation -  
document

issued about

(???) 2/52 ago

Apparently went to SN team  
& PBC leads

localised SN  
so attached to HVs attached  
to prac

Pat Hamilton  
Elaine Fisher

So not just Gp prac but local  
communities

Jessica  
discussed  
E ME

halfway through consultation

(internal  
consultation)



## Provider Services response cont.

- Review therapy input to schools & joint working with CSF OT's.
- Develop Child Death response capability & capacity within existing safeguarding nursing & community paediatric teams.
- Agree capacity increases in SN/HV

around LAC  
assessment wait

assess < 5 2/yr

> 5 1/yr → from last year

including in budget to recruit to  
designated doctor for LAC  
across the whole county  
ask to advert