



Birmingham Charter for Disabled Children, Young People & Families

By 31st December 2009, we will ensure that in our Children's Trust arrangements....

1. We know how many disabled children and young people live in our area and that all partner agencies are influencing the planning of services and allocating resources on the basis of this knowledge.
2. We have an identified children's lead with specific responsibility for services for disabled children, young people and families.
3. There is a key worker system for providing support to families who are accessing more than one specialist service.
4. Safeguarding of disabled children and young people is a priority in both children's and adults' services. Specific attention is given to minimising risk of harm and securing safe environments in which disabled children and young people can access services, learn and play and participate in the life of their local community.
5. Our parent partnership service is sufficiently resourced to provide advice information and support to parents of disabled children and young people who have been excluded from school
6. Parents, young people and carers in our area are getting accurate and timely information and advice on the full range of services available to them and their families, and have access to advocacy support.
7. A training plan will be in place to ensure all frontline staff receive both disability equality training and training to ensure that they have core competencies to work with disabled children and young people; relevant staff have received specialist training and other staff know how to contact them for information
8. Disabled children and young people are involved in drawing up our Disability Equality Scheme and also in monitoring its effectiveness in eliminating discrimination.
9. Our Children and Young People's Plan explains how we will provide specialist services and also make all universal services including extended schools and children's centres accessible to disabled children and young people.
10. We can demonstrate effective partnership working: all our partners have an input into all Children and Young People Plan's in our area and are members of all relevant Strategic Partnership Boards.
11. Monitoring of outcomes for disabled children, young people and families will take place through the Children and Young People Plan and the Brighter Futures Strategy.
12. Disabled children, young people and families are involved in the planning, commissioning and monitoring of services in our area, including both specialist and universal services.
13. We will work to reform our community equipment and wheelchair service to improve the quality of the equipment available, and to address the holistic and changing needs of children and young people in a timely way.



14. We will build capacity to commission effective specialist medical, nursing and therapy services for children and young people with palliative care and complex health needs, and are working with all commissioners and local authorities in our area to integrate these services into wider children's services.
15. We can demonstrate an effective partnership with disabled young people and adult service providers in our area to ensure a smooth transition to adult services for disabled young people.

Signed

Councillor Les Lawrence

Lead Member - Children and Young People's Board

On behalf of Birmingham Children and Young People's Partnership Board

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Date of signing:

14 November 2008

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14 November 2009