



# **Overview and Scrutiny**

**13 December 2013**

**Update on the progress of the  
Disability Review and Support  
and Aspiration**

# Recommendations from the Disability Review

Approved by the Council Executive in January 2012

1. Implement the hub and spoke model of service delivery.
2. Reconfigure of social work team service to support the above.
3. Transfer of young people from Sunflower and Foxgloves.
4. Redevelop the Poppies service.
5. Assess future viability of Kingfisher and Maythorn residential services.
6. Develop financial models of the agreed proposals/options
7. Develop a proposal to further improve transition services
8. Develop a phased implementation change programme.

# Progress on recommendations

July – Sept 2012	Families and children supported to make the move from Bedford Borough short break provision to Central Bedfordshire provision
Sept – Oct 2012	Work completed on the East Hub (Biggleswade – linked to Ivel valley Area Special School)
Jan 2013	Social work staff move into East Hub

# Progress on recommendations

November 2012	Design and Plan stage for South Hub linked to Chiltern Area Special School in Dunstable
September 2013	Completion of construction work on the South Hub and final handover of the building currently used for the Poppies service
September 2013	Social Work Assistants appointed to support transition/participation
November 2013	Social care staff to move to the South Hub
Jan – March 2014	Redesign of short break/sports programme in partnership with disabled children, young people, their parents and carers

# Children and Families Bill - Key Changes

- Will extend the Special Educational Needs (SEN) system from birth to 25, giving children, young people and their parents greater control and choice in decisions and ensuring needs are properly met, including by:
  - Implementing a new way of working with parents and children in designing and developing services.
  - replacing old statements of SEN with a new birth to 25 education, health and care plan;
  - providing statutory protections comparable to those currently associated with a statement to up to 25 years of age in further education;
  - Local Authorities will publish a local offer showing the support available to disabled children and young people and those with SEN, and their families from 0 – 25 years.
  - Parents of young people with Education, Health and Care Plans will have the right to a personal budget for their support; and
  - Cooperation between all the services that support children and their families will be required that improve the service experience for families.

# Implementation in Central Bedfordshire

- Support and Aspiration Board - representatives from
  - local Parent Forum,
  - schools,
  - children's and adult's social care,
  - voluntary sector,
  - health commissioners and providers, and
  - education, including early years.
  - (multi-agency children and adult service representation on the workstream groups as well as involvement of other agencies, for example leisure services)

# Project Workstreams

1. Engagement and involvement of parents/carers in co-production of ways of working and the development of a strategy for SEN that achieves the aims of this project into the future (Led by CBC Parent Forum)
2. Engagement and involvement of children and young people (Led by Ken Harvey)
3. Improving outcomes for all (Early Identification, Intervention and Prevention) (Led by Claire Harvey)
4. Single Assessment Framework and Plan and Local Offer (Led by Helen Redding)
5. Transition from childhood to adulthood (Led by Stuart Michelmore)
6. A developed approach to joint commissioning (Led by Ben Pearson)