

Health and Wellbeing Board	HWB22/11/12
Date: 22 November 2012	

An 'All Age' strategic framework for people with a disability

Report by: Barbara Herts

Enquiries to Barbara Herts, Commissioning Programme Manager, Schools, Children and Families 01245 434004 barbara.herts@essex.gov.uk

The format for the information to be covered in a report is set out below.

Purpose of report and Decision Areas and Recommendations	<p>The purpose of this report is to update Health and Wellbeing board members on the progress of a project that is examining the potential for a joined up approach to commissioning between education, health and adults and children's social care to create an 'all age' approach for people with a disability.</p> <p>This item is for information with no decisions required from the Health and Wellbeing Board at this stage.</p> <p>Board Members views on the proposed scope of the project and the key issues that an 'all age' approach should look to address and improve on in order to deliver a better overall system for children and adults with a disability.</p> <p>The detailed business case for the project will come back to the Health and Wellbeing board in February 2013 once it is approved for progression by the Outcomes Board in January 2013</p>
--	---

Background and context.	<p>This project was initiated as a prototype for strategic commissioning by ECC in spring 2012. An Outline Business Case was signed off by the management teams of ECC's Adult Health and Community Wellbeing directorate and the Schools Children and Families Directorate in June 2012.</p> <p>It is intended that the project should enable ECC and partners to respond to a number of drivers for change which are outlined in the report; specifically the demographic and budgetary pressures on services and emerging changes to legislative and statutory frameworks (e.g. in SEN), but also to the opportunities to improve outcomes through better partnership working and coproduction with service users.</p> <p>It is intended that a final business case recommending the new joint commissioning approach will be presented to the Outcomes Board in January 2013.</p>
Options/Proposals	<p>The proposal is that the project should deliver the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint outcomes framework for people with a disability • A joint commissioning approach that aligns activity and pools resources where appropriate • A joined up commercial approach • Changes to operational team practices to ensure all teams are aligned to the commissioning approach and outcomes framework • A joined up service offer that is published to service users • Changes to leadership, management and governance for the delivery of an all age service and to ensure alignment to the joint commissioning approach • A single overview of budgets for all age disability services <p>The detailed implications of achieving these changes, resources required to deliver and potential benefits arising from adopting this way of working are still being determined.</p>
Conclusions	<p>It is recognised that full engagement with health partners working with children and adults with disabilities will be critical to the success of this project. For this reason the project board would welcome feedback from the Health and Wellbeing board on the current direction of travel, the key challenges and opportunities from a health perspective, and how engagement should best be taken forward following the signing off of a business case to progress the project in January.</p>