

**Derbyshire Children and Young People's Plan – A Briefing Sheet for Staff**

A new Children and Young People's Plan has been prepared by Derbyshire Children and Young People's Trust for the period 2009 -12. The Children and Young People's Plan is the over-arching plan about how outcomes for children and young people in Derbyshire will be improved.

This briefing sheet highlights how outcomes for disabled children and young people will improve.

**PRIORITIES AND SELECTED ACTIONS****Improving equity of access for disabled children to specialist and support/outreach services:**

- Increase the amount of home help service available to disabled children in their own homes
- Increase the number of disabled young people who remain in education, employment and training
- Ensure equal health provision to special schools
- Establish full access to the services of children's centres
- Increase the numbers of disabled children whose care is overseen by a lead professional
- Ensure extended services in and around schools are fully available to disabled children
- Extend leisure opportunities for disabled young people by introducing free gym and swimming access for disabled children
- Implement a range of evidenced based therapy intervention programmes; for example MOVE and specialist neuro-development therapy
- Extend the opportunity for training in SCIP techniques and moving and handling to all providers

**Developing systematic and routine arrangements for consultation with and involvement of children and young people with learning difficulties/or disabilities.**

- Develop mechanisms to involve young people in CAYA policies e.g. conferences, focus groups, surveys – using appropriate methods of communication
- Adhere to standards in Derbyshire Charter of Participation
- Commission voluntary organisations to undertake specialist consultation as appropriate

**Developing a full service offer of short breaks for disabled children and their families in Derbyshire.**

- Increase the amount of short breaks by commissioning further services and increasing existing services including:
  - Residential overnight stays
  - Family based overnight stays
  - Day care
  - Extended services around schools
  - Youth activities
  - School holiday schemes
- Increase the take up of direct payments to 120 children
- Continue to involve parents and children in service design
- Involve children in decisions about the award of tenders to provide short break services

**MORE INFORMATION:**

Separate briefing sheets are available on Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Making a Positive Contribution, Achieving Economic Well-being and disabled children. You will be briefed on the outcome most relevant to your service area.

All the briefing sheets and the full Children and Young People's Plan are available on Dnet and at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrenstrust](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/childrenstrust)