

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18 June 2013

Consultation on Integrated Disability Service (IDS)

Recommendations

- That the Committee provides comment on the proposed changes to the Integrated Disability Service as part of the formal consultation

1. Background

- 1.1 The Integrated Disability Service (IDS) currently works with approximately 2,300 disabled children and their families. Services are delivered both by the local authority directly and by other providers who are funded by the local authority or by families themselves.
- 1.2 The Council is currently out to consultation on significant changes to the IDS. The consultation document is attached at Appendix 1. The consultation runs for 12 weeks from Wednesday 15 May 2013 to Thursday 8 August 2013. The consultation is a public consultation advertised at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consultation . Five public consultation meetings have also been scheduled. All responses to the consultation will be used to inform the final report and recommendations to Cabinet on 12 September 2013.
- 1.3 The results of the consultation will be used to inform further the Equality Impact Assessment to assist the Council in making a decision.

2. Proposals

- 2.1 A proposed savings target of £1.7m has been set for IDS as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan. The proposals put forward in this consultation are to modernise the service and to achieve savings of approximately £0.8m. Further savings of approximately £0.9m have been identified within IDS that in our view will not affect the level of service provided to families. This includes proposed changes in current management and staffing structures (which are subject to staff consultation), the integration of back office functions and the

possible re-negotiation of contracts.

- 2.2 The new Local Offer sets out what support families can expect to receive dependent on their circumstances. We are proposing altered criteria for what level of support will be offered based on assessed need. As a result of these proposals some families will receive different or reduced services and some families with lower level needs will no longer receive direct support services.
- 2.3 The proposals only affect particular parts of the service provided by IDS. These are:
- Short breaks service (including overnight short breaks)
 - The Family Key Worker role
 - Social care service
- 2.4 IDS Teaching and Learning services and NHS funded services are **not** affected by these proposals (e.g. Child Development Service, Autism (Teaching and Learning), Occupational Therapy). The Young Carers service also does not form part of this consultation.

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