

Appendix A

Thurrock Council Joint SEN Disability Strategy Group (JSDSG) Terms of Reference (TOR)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 These TOR provide the governance framework to oversee and provide strategic leadership and direction for:
- The development of a Joint SEN Disability Strategic Plan which sets out how the recommendations of the review of disabled children and young people will be achieved.
 - Ensuring the Council will meet the emerging requirements outlined in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Green Paper (March 2011) Support and Aspiration: A new approach to SEND.
 - The development and delivery of integrated services for disabled children, young people and their families living in Thurrock.
- 1.2 To ensure education, health and social care agencies work together with parents, carers and young people for the successful transformation of services.

2. Aims/Objectives

- 2.1 To provide strategic leadership and direction in the development, implementation and monitoring of the Joint Disability Strategic Plan 2012/14 and take corrective actions, if required, to keep the plan on track.
- 2.2 To ensure the following 4 key component work streams of the Joint SEN Disability Strategic Plan and nominated leads deliver to their individual work plan and provide regular reports to the JSDSG:

2.2.1 Integrated Practice

Lead Agency – Social Care
Lead Officer – Clare Moore

2.2.2 Prepare to meet requirements of Children and Families Bill

Lead Agency - Education
Lead officer – Malcolm Taylor

2.2.3 Transition

Lead Agency – Adult Social Care
Lead officer – Fran Leddra

2.2.4 Parent and young people’s involvement

Lead Agency – Parent Partnership
Lead officer – Sue Green

2.3 To ensure that each work stream plan takes into account and aligns where applicable with strategic priorities in existing strategies e.g.

- Future Delivery of Special Education needs (SEN) Services in Thurrock
- Early intervention/prevention strategy
- Role of Social Care
- Early Years
- CAMHS
- Continuing Care
- Palliative Care etc

3. Accountability

3.1 The Joint Disability Strategic Plan sets out an action programme from 2012 to 2014 which identifies how disabled children's services will be transformed through that period with the nominated lead officer accountable for the delivery of each work stream.

3.2 The JSDSG will be chaired by Barbara Foster, Head of Care & Targeted Outcomes, People Directorate,

3.3 Barbara Foster will report progress to the Children and Young People’s Partnership Board, which reports into the Health and Well Being Board and Clinical Commissioning Group.

3.4 Sheila Reynolds, Disability Review, Project Manager will support each work stream.

4. Membership

4.1 Representatives from the following agencies/groups have been agreed:

- Education – Malcolm Taylor, Strategic Lead, Learning & Support/Principal Education Psychologist
Paul Griffiths, Head Teacher, St Clere’s School
- Health - Melody Williams, Director of children, young people and family services
Sandra Bryan
Helen Forster
GP - TBA

- Social Care – Les Billingham, Head of Adult Services
Clare Moore, Service Manager, Disabled Children's Services
Fran Leddra
- Voluntary Sector – Kristina Jackson, Chief Executive, CVS
- Parent/Carer/Young People – Simon Nurser Contact a Family.
- Health Watch TBA

5. Frequency of meetings

Monthly (More frequently for work stream leads)