CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSON'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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SUBJECT: Children With Disabilities

Strategy

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1. Purpose: For Decision

For the CYPSP to support and agree the CWD strategy

2. Background/Context

The strategy was drafted in summer 2011 and has had a 3 month consultation that has included views of headteachers, Lincolnshire County Council, LCHS, GPs, Voluntary Groups, Parents, Public Health and young people through the Shadow Transition Board. The strategy sits within the vision agreed by the CYPSP. It sets out the reason why a strategy for CWD is important to improve services for this group of children and their parents whilst meeting increasing demand and a changing political and organisational environment.

Issues and areas to highlight

Section 3 sets out a definition of disability which through feedback from the consultation process has been changed to Equality Act definition rather than the Children's Act definition.

Section 4 sets out the principles for services for Children with Disabilities in Lincolnshire and section 9 defines what will be undertaken.

As can be seen the needs analysis set out fully in appendix A is comprehensive but not defined. Work is taking place with Public Health to define the number of CWD in Lincolnshire to further support planning.

3. Recommendation

That CYPSP support and agree the CWD strategy for the next 5 years.

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