

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>11 June 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Disabled Children's Charter</b>

### Summary:

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to sign up to the Disabled Children's Charter that has been developed by the organisation 'Every Disabled Child Matters'. Lincolnshire County Council has in previous years agreed to sign up to the Charter and work to its principles. The Charter shows our commitment to disabled children, young people and their families.

### Actions Required:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board agree to sign up to the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards.

### 1. Background

The Disabled Children's Charter sets out the shared ambition to improve health outcomes for a key group of its local population.

Disabled children, young people and their families access services across multiple agencies, and therefore are disproportionately affected by poor integration between health, social care and education services and a lack of coordinated commissioning. This results in additional financial costs, poor outcomes, significant health inequities and considerable distress for children and their families. Health and Wellbeing Boards will play a crucial role in tackling these challenges by providing the strategic direction and leadership for local commissioners and services.

Signing the Charter will help Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board to articulate a vision for improving the outcomes experienced by disabled children and young people to the public, commissioners, service providers and local partners including Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forums. It will reassure parent carers that their Health and Wellbeing Board will use its influence to ensure the new health system delivers for disabled children, young people and their families in their area.

Lincolnshire already meets the Charter which is evidenced below;

**1. 'We have detailed and accurate information on the disabled children and young people living in our area, and provide public information on how we plan to meet their needs'.**

Lincolnshire County Council with partners has agreed the Children with Disability Commissioning Strategy which includes a needs assessment and how we plan to meet needs.

**2. 'We engage directly with disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board'.**

The Shadow Transition Board made up of young people with disabilities ensures participation in service delivery and monitoring of services. This includes representation at the Transition Board and provides a conduit for the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure effective engagement and participation of children and young people with disabilities.

**3. 'We engage directly with parent carers of disabled children and young people and their participation is embedded in the work of our Health and Wellbeing Board'.**

Parent Carers are engaged in a variety of ways including Parent Carer Forums and the Lincolnshire Parent Carer Partnership. The Health and Wellbeing Board utilises this system to ensure engagement and participation of parent carers of disabled children and young people in the development and commissioning of services.

**4. 'We set clear strategic outcomes for our partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and their families, monitor progress towards achieving them and hold each other to account'.**

Lincolnshire's Children with Disability (CWD) Commissioning Strategy set out clear strategic outcomes for all partners to meet in relation to disabled children, young people and families and progress is monitored on a quarterly basis. A report on progress is taken to Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel (CYPSP) on an annual basis.

**5. 'We promote early intervention and support for smooth transitions between children and adult services for disabled children and young people'.**

A range of services for children, young people and their families are provided to support early intervention. Emphasis is also put on smooth transition between children's and adult services. This is monitored by the Shadow Transition Board and the local authority Transition Board previously mentioned.

**6. 'We work with key partners to strengthen integration between health, social care and education services and with services provided by wider partners'.**

There is already good integration between health, social care and education and with wider partners to provide services to children and young people with disabilities. This is regularly reviewed and strengthened further for example, integration of all occupational therapists for children is being implemented to stop duplication and provide a better integrated service for children and young people with disabilities.

**7. 'We provide cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda by linking effectively with key partners'.**

Lincolnshire has good governance with a Shadow Transition Board and Transition Board that feed into the CYPSP who are represented by the Director of Children's Services at the Health and Wellbeing Board. This, with the CWD Commissioning Strategy provides cohesive governance and leadership across the disabled children and young people's agenda and ensures effective links with partners.

**2. Conclusion**

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board already fulfil their commitment to the Charter. It is therefore advised that the Charter is signed to reassure parent carers of children and young people with disabilities that we will continue to influence to ensure the new health system delivers for disabled children, young people and their families in Lincolnshire.

**3. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards
Appendix B	Why sign the Disabled Children's Charter for Health and Wellbeing Boards?

**5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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