



SHORT BREAKS PATHFINDER



Aim :

- To describe the Pathfinder and set it in policy context.
- To explain the Pathfinder implementation plan in North Yorkshire.
- To set out our analysis of need by area (East/Central/West) in North Yorkshire.
- To prepare providers for the opportunities available over the next 3 years.

Aiming High for Disabled Children; better support for families (AHDC)

The Background:

- Parliamentary Hearings on Services for Disabled Children
HM Treasury October 2006.
- Comprehensive Spending Review
£340 million in CSR Period.
- Every Disabled Child Matters Campaign.



Aims

- Access and Empowerment for Disabled Children and their families.
- Responsive Services and Timely Support offering prevention and not just in crisis.
- Improving Quality and Capacity of short break settings.

Where the money is going

- Engagement (i.e. Parents Forums) £5m
- Transition Support Programme £19m
- Accessible Child Care £35m
- Provision of Short Breaks £280m

All to form part of a Core Offer – still to be defined.

The Short Break Pathfinders

(Guidance)

‘To create a step - change in the provision of Short Break Services’

‘Transforming Short Break Services’

Pathfinder Programme. Up to 20 LA’s – actually 21

Run one year ahead of main programme.

From 1.4.2008 to act as forerunners.

- To
- Offer insight into challenges and opportunities.
 - Identify critical risks and success factors.
 - Provide learning and best practice to the national delivery programme (beginning 4/09).

Pathfinders must:

- Take a leadership role in the national delivery arrangements.
- ‘Maintain or improve their current expenditure on Short Break provisions across the next 3 years with the short Break programme funding.....providing additionality not substituting current resources’.
- This applies to both LAs and PCTs.



The Process

1. Expression of interest in becoming a Pathfinder
26.10.2007
2. Stage 1 Application (with PCT) 09.11.2007
3. Stage 2 Application (with PCT) 07.12.2007
4. Notification to successful areas 14.01.2008
5. Baseline and Planning Tools 30.04.2008

What we aim to do....

- The development of Contract Care; a fee based fostering service targeted at ASD/challenging behaviour and complex health needs.
- Development, with the PCT, in community/domiciliary nursing arrangements for severely disabled with complex health needs.
- Expansion in range of services offered by CRC's including nursing provision where appropriate to meet the needs of children who require invasive procedures.
- Expansion of sessional community services.
- Test the feasibility of transforming a residential special school to offer 52 week care to the most disabled children.



We want to..

- Maintain disabled children in their families, schools and communities.
- Provide increased access to a comprehensive range of Short Break opportunities.
- Prevent family breakdown by close collaborative work with schools and the PCT.
- Prevent children having to leave North Yorkshire in order to have their needs met.
- Improve transitions for children who can remain in their communities.
- Improve links with Integrated Services.

The Numbers

- The Pathfinder brings with it the following...

- Revenue

- Capital

■ 2008/09	£ 540,400	£239,000
■ 2009/10	£1,743,100	£557,700
■ 2010/11	£1,743,100	0

- Capital can be rolled over

- Revenue can not

- NB

- PCT was to receive match funding- DOH now say it is in the increased baseline funding with surestart- we are trying to identify this



Project Management

- Project Group: CSC DCS Lead (KP)

Access & Inclusion

PCT x 2

Finance

Integrated Services

Integrated Youth Support

Performance and Outcomes

- Project Support Manager
- Project Support Officer



Next Steps...

- Completion of Baseline Tool and Planning Document
- Launch Event with colleagues 27.05.08
- Information events for parents and children
- Tendering processes begin



What we will need

- We would like to develop the market for disabled children's services in North Yorkshire.
- We need to consider commissioning and de-commissioning services to meet assessed need and unmet
- We would like to develop a partnership approach based on analysis of needs and the views of the users.



What will happen next?

- Tendering exercises, balancing the need to follow good procurement practice with the evaluation of outcomes for disabled children and their families in the Pathfinder year.
- An attempt to develop a unit costing approach to short breaks to compare best value approaches and good outcomes.