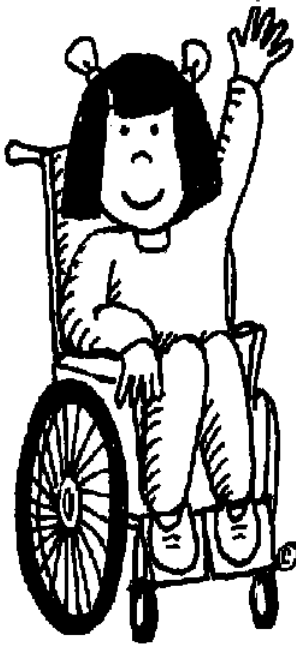


# Aiming High for Disabled Children



**Next Steps**



# Introducing- The Disabled Children's Service

- We provide services to meet the social care needs of disabled children 0-18 years and their families.
- We accept referrals for children who have a permanent disabling condition which has a substantial impact on their quality of life
- We deliver services from three teams across the county

# North Yorkshire – a big County!



# WEST – Harrogate and Craven

## **Harrogate covers:**

- North to Masham
- South to rural Harrogate villages
- West to Boroughbridge

## **Craven covers:**

- West Craven to Ingleton / Bentham
- South Craven to Crosshills
- Central Craven, Settle, Grassington, Threshfield and Skipton

# **CENTRAL – Hambleton, Richmondshire and Selby**

## **Richmondshire covers:**

- West to Hawes

## **Hambleton covers:**

- North to Great Ayton
- South to Easingwold

## **Selby Covers:**

- North to Tadcaster
- South to Carlton

# EAST – Scarborough Whitby and Ryedale

## **Whitby covers:**

- Whitby town and surrounding rural villages north of to the border with Redcar & Cleveland.

## **Ryedale covers:**

- Malton and north to Helmsley / Kirkbymoorside, south to Birdsall Stockton and Bossal.

## **Scarborough covers:**

- Scarborough and Filey towns and surrounding rural villages

# Disabled Children in North Yorkshire

- There are 124,900 children and young people in North Yorkshire
- A Disabled Children's Census in 2005 told us there are 1227 disabled children in North Yorkshire defined as

## **EITHER:**

“A physical disability, learning disability, sensory impairment or developmental delay which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on their ability to carry out day to day activities”

## **OR:**

“A chronic and life threatening or life limiting illness”

# Disabled Children's Service

**We are currently providing services for 476 children and young people**

- WEST – 196 (135 Male / 61Female)
- CENTRAL – 153 (81 Male / 50 Female)
- EAST – 127 (95 Male / 32 female)





# Current Eligibility Criteria

- A child or young person must have a permanent and substantial disability.
- **AND** as a result they must need significantly more care than a non disabled child of similar age
- **AND** the parents / carers of the child or young person must need support to enable them to meet their needs and continue to care for the child in their own home and community.
- **OR** the parents / carers cannot continue to care for the child and they need alternative living arrangements.

# Service User profile - West

	ASC	Complex Health	PD / LD	LD	PD	Total
Craven	13	5	16	24	1	59
Harrogate	51	13	33	35	5	137
Total West	64	18	49	59	6	196

# Service User profile - Central

	ASC	Complex Health	PD / LD	LD	PD	Total
Hamb & Richmond shire	25	15	30	8	3	81
Selby	18	7	12	12	4	53
Total Central	43	22	42	20	7	134

# Service User profile - East

	ASC	Complex Health	PD / LD	LD	PD	Total
Scarborough	27	11	8	32	2	80
Ryedale	4	9	6	10	3	32
Whitby	3	0	6	6	0	15
Total East	34	20	20	48	5	127

# Current short break services provided to meet assessed need

- Residential short breaks
- Family based short breaks
- Day care
- School holiday daycare
- Care in child's own home
- Community Activities
- Direct Payments

# Commissioning principles and priorities

- Priority is given to providing services to enable children to remain safe, and to live with their families in their own communities.
- Support to use inclusive community services will be used wherever possible, rather than specialist services. Eg Out of School Clubs to provide daytime breaks rather than a special unit.

(See handouts)

# Residential Short Breaks

- These units are used for children with the most complex needs.
- The number of overnights provided for each child depends on individual assessment, range is 12 – 72 nights per year.
- NYCC have 3 in house units in Skipton, Harrogate and Morton on Swale. NCH are contracted to provide a unit in Scarborough.
- We are aware that our premises in the West are no longer ideal for this group of children, and this is being looked at.

# Residential Usage 2007 / 08

	EAST	CENTRAL	WEST (2 Units)
Bed nights	1090	943	1484
Service Users	24	25	29
Average nights per child	45	38	51



# Family Based Short Breaks

- Short Break Carers provide both overnight breaks and daycare. They receive expenses, but they are volunteers. They are recruited and approved using the fostering model.
- Daycare is often used at first to introduce a child to a family before overnights commence.
- Barnardos provide the service in West and Central. NCH are the providers for East

# Numbers of children and young people using Short Break Carers 2007 / 08

- **NCH (East)** provide a service to 17 children, 11 have overnight care and 6 have daycare.
- **Barnardos (West)** provide a service to 56 children 18 have overnight care and 38 have daycare.
- **Barnardos (Central)** provide a service to 11 children 5 have overnight care and 6 have daycare
- ***We want to commission more of this type of service. In view of the increasingly complex needs of the children, this may not be possible using the current service model.***

# Holiday Daycare



- Families tell us that the school holidays, especially the summer, are a very stressful time. Care is provided to give families a break and provide social contact for children and young people.
- Where possible, specialist support is provided to enable children to use universal services such as playschemes, out of school clubs, youth activities.
- Some children need a specialist service.
- Direct payments can be used.

# **Numbers of Children & Young People using Holiday Daycare 2007 /08**

**WEST 128**

**CENTRAL 37**

**EAST 68**

**We would like to increase opportunities  
for disabled children and young people to  
participate in school holiday activities.**

# What is Community Support ?

A range of flexible services are offered to support families and provide them with a short break for example:

- Trained staff who take children out of the home to do community activities.
- Out of school clubs, nurseries, childminders, saturday clubs, youth clubs (with support to meet needs)
- Direct payments
- Care in child's own home

# Children and Young People using community support services

<b>WEST -</b>	<b>126</b>
<b>CENTRAL -</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>EAST -</b>	<b>86</b>

Families value the range and flexibility of these services. Some families use them in addition to overnight breaks, but for many families, community support meets all their needs. We would like to commission more of this type of service.

# Complex Health Needs

- A small group of children are born every year with very complex health needs, and the numbers are increasing.
- These children often need specialist care such as tube feeding, suction, ventilation.
- Social care services alone can not meet the needs of these children, they need services with a health component.
- Some services are being jointly commissioned, but we need to develop more services like this, in the community and in the Children's Resource Centres

# Complex Health Needs



**WEST - 10**

**CENTRAL – 11**

**EAST - 14**

We recognise that we are not currently meeting the needs of this group of children and young people. We aim to work with the PCT to develop and commission more services, in the community and in the residential units.



# Looked After Children

Children who can not live with their families are looked after by foster carers, or by specialist residential units. Some children are placed out of North Yorkshire in specialist placements.

**WEST - 15**

**CENTRAL - 14**

**EAST – 7**

**Shared parenting:** In the West there are two children who spend more than 120 nights per year with short break carers, but this enables them to remain with their own family and community. We would like to develop more local services like this for children with high levels of need, as an alternative to children being placed out of county.

# Contract Care – Needs forecast

**We want to commission a contract care service to provide specialist short break carers able to offer high levels (up to 72 nights per year) of care to children with complex needs, and to provide “Shared Parenting” (120 nights +):**

- Autism
- Challenging behaviour
- Complex health needs
- Moving and Transferring needs

# WEST – Predicted Need for services with Contract Carers

## WEST - Harrogate

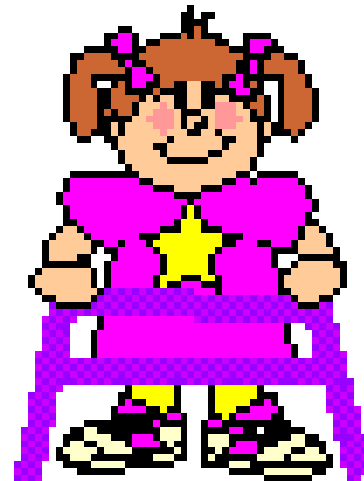
19 for short breaks

4 for shared parenting

## WEST – Skipton

3 for short breaks

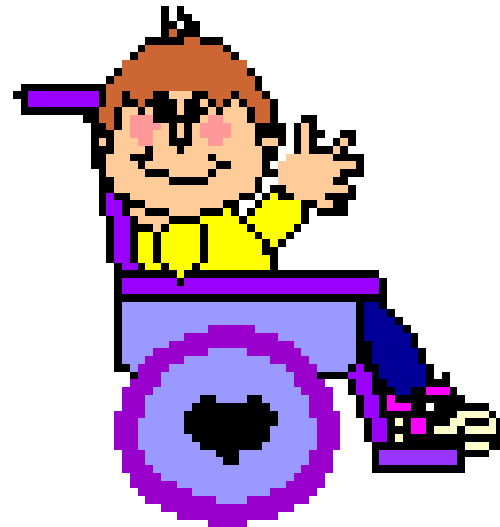
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# CENTRAL - Predicted Need for services with Contract Carers

14 for short breaks

5 for shared parenting



# EAST - Predicted Need for Services with Contract Carers

## Scarborough

13 for short breaks

4 for shared parenting

## Ryedale

8 for short breaks

1 for shared parenting

## Whitby

2 for short breaks



# Predicted Need – Residential Short Breaks

- We will continue providing a short break service from residential units for children with the most complex needs. A review of the existing services and the needs of the children using them is planned.
- There is an increasing need for nursing care in residential units, this will be looked at as part of the AHDC programme.

# What we want to achieve



Work in partnership with the PCT and providers to achieve:

- Transformation of short breaks services
- Increased availability and choice of short breaks services
- Improved quality in short breaks services
- Improved access to short breaks for children with ASC and complex health needs

# How will we achieve this?

- Consultation with children and young people, families, PCT, the third sector, and Independent providers
- Increase commissioning of flexible, community based services, including holiday daycare
- Increase commissioning of nursing care at home and in the community for children with complex health needs
- Review existing provision of traditional family based short breaks
- Commission a contract carer scheme to provide short breaks for children with complex needs, particularly ASC and complex health needs
- Review the existing provision of residential short breaks to ensure they can meet the increasing needs of children with complex needs, particularly ASC and complex health needs