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Briefing Report No: **188/2010** Public Agenda Item: **Yes**

Title: **Commissioning Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Physical and Learning Disabilities – Tender document**

Wards Affected: **All Wards in Torbay**

To: **Health Scrutiny Board** On: **15 July 2010**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The attached documentation relates to the re-specification of short breaks for children and young people with complex needs arising from a disability.
- 1.2 Information relating to the case for change, changes in accessibility, how patients are affected, the impact of the proposals on the wider community, methods of service delivery were provided at the HOSC meeting on 17th June 2010 (page 55 below). Further information was requested with regard to the procurement process, the business case for the proposal and the risks and benefits of the proposal. Gaps in information:

A Case for Change information

5.0 Is any aspect of the proposal contested by the clinician affected?

No. Clinicians have been involved throughout the process in developing the service specification and absolutely support the direction of travel.

B Changes in accessibility

Is there evidence that the proposal will lead to improved outcomes for patients?

Yes. All children, young people and families accessing the service will have undergone a needs-led assessment and an individual care plan will be developed for each child and young person with the child/ young person and / or family as appropriate. The plan will clearly define the service to be provided to meet assessed needs (see p24 below) Service Accreditation Questionnaire 2B.

C Patients affected

1. How many patients and carers are predicted to be affected by the proposals?

Based on projections, the service could be available for up to 55 children to access Overnight Residential care, 55 to access overnight out-reach care, 125 to access day care, 125 to access out-reach sessional care. Out-reach sessional

care is an optional feature of the specification as a range of these services already exist in Torbay.

F Finance/ Value for money

1. Is the proposal sustainable?

A planning session has been held recently to address how to sustain short breaks for the future. The tender process will enable us to identify a range providers who meet our minimum requirements to provide services as part of a short breaks menu.

2. Is the proposal consistent with the organisation's strategic plan?

Yes. The proposal is consistent with both Torbay Council and Care Trust's Strategic plans and objectives in terms of meeting the statutory duty to provide short breaks for children and young people with physical and learning disabilities.

3. What is the business case for the proposal?

The service will be funded from within the existing financial envelope. The tender process will encourage competitive pricing and competition from within the market.

4. What are the risks and benefits of the options?

The tender process will stimulate the short breaks market encouraging innovation, quality and value for money.

The risk being that the Short Breaks market is not developed. In which case, we will work with existing providers to facilitate the delivery of the service specification.

5. How do the proposals impact on the existing budget?

The service will be funded from within the existing financial envelope for Short Breaks.

6. Is there a potential financial impact on local authority services?

This will be dependent on the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review.

7. Is the proposal reliant on additional or external funding? If so are there limitations or time constraints that the Board should be aware of?

No

2. Recommendations for decision

The Health Scrutiny Board is requested to consider the presentation and procurement documents, 2A Obligations document, 2B Service Capability, 2C Declaration of Completion; in order to indicate whether the changes proposed constitute a substantial variation to the provision of services or a substantial development of services.

Appendices

- Commissioning Short Breaks for Children and Young People with Physical and Learning Disabilities- HOSC 17th June 2010

Copies of the NHS Community Contract will be available at the meeting. It is published on the Department of Health website [NHS Standard Contract for Community Services 2010-11 - bilateral refers]

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_111229.doc

Documents available in members' rooms

None

Background papers

None