

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

AN UPDATE ON CHILDREN WITH
ADDITIONAL NEEDS

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 At the 19 November, 2008 CYPOSC meeting it was agreed to add onto the Work Programme, "An update on children with additional needs".
- 1.2 Children with "additional needs" incorporates a wider range of children than the original brief of children with "complex needs", which was a confidential briefing paper written in August 2008.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That Members note the recommendations within the 2 reports:
 - "More therapies in the community"- **Appendix 1**
 - "The experience of local families of children with additional needs" - **Appendix 2**
- (2) That members determine whether to take further action on the recommendations outlined in the two reports.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Brighton and Hove Parent Carers' Council, was launched in July 2008 and a Focus Group met on 5 December 2008. The key findings of this Focus Group are outlined in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 Further information is contained in the appendices to this report.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 "More therapies in the community" - **Appendix 1** outlines the consultation carried out with representatives of the Parent Carers Council.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. **Appendix 1** is the “**More therapies in the community** - Parent Carers’ Council Summary report December 2008”
2. **Appendix 2** is “**The experience of local families of children with additional needs** update Report: January 2009”.
3. **Appendix 3** is the “Every disabled Child Matters” Local Authority Charter.
4. **Appendix 4** is the “Every disabled Child Matters” Primary Care Trust Charter.

Documents in Members’ Rooms:

Not applicable.

Background Documents:

1. None.