



Report to CYPOSC 28th January 2009

- **Response to papers “More therapies in the community”**
- **“The experience of local families of children with additional needs”**

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1. Recommendations:

- 1.1 That the Parent/Carer Council reports as a standing item to the Children with Disabilities and Complex Needs Strategic Partnership Board.
- 1.2 That any urgent items arising from the Parent/Carer Council are reported to the chairs of the Children with Disabilities and Complex Needs Strategic Partnership Board directly and action agreed as appropriate.
- 1.3 Where there are matters of conflict these are reported to the Assistant Director with responsibility for disability services to facilitate resolution in line with the agreed Terms of Reference. (attached as Appendix B)
- 1.4 As next steps, the reports produced by the Parent/Carer Council to be presented to the next Board meeting, so that the board’s views can be incorporated in to the agreed actions.
- 1.5 That CYPOSC notes the recommendations in the reports received from the Parent/Carer Council and delegates follow-up action to the Strategic Partnership Board. This will in turn inform a further report to the next CYPOSC.

2. Context:

- 2.1 The Integrated Child Development and Disability Service has a strong commitment to working with all stakeholders and the Children with Disabilities and Complex Needs Strategic Partnership Board acts as the foundation of this. The Board is co- chaired by Amaze, a community and voluntary sector organisation focusing on supporting

parents. The board has wide representation across all key agencies including all strategic managers responsible for the services referred to in the papers referenced above.

- 2.2 It is to be welcomed that the Parent Carer Council has raised the issue of parent/carer experience of accessing therapies locally and their views of parent/carer participation in local decision making. These findings currently relate to a relatively small group of parents and whilst they may be indicative, further analysis is required to inform strategic planning.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1 In order for the findings from the Parent/Carer Council report to be responded to in detail, the contents need to be considered by the agreed reporting mechanisms within the CYPT. This would enable recommendations to be effectively appraised and considered alongside other demands and priorities within the service and for any financial implications to be clarified.
- 3.2 A further detailed report will then be presented to a future CYPOSC meeting so that members can be fully informed.