

Council For Disabled Children

Resources, publications and tools for commissioners, health and local authorities

Reviews, Reports and Briefings

These Are Our Children

A new review led by Dame Christine Lenehan calls for urgent action at a national level to prevent these children being institutionalised at an early age, at huge cost to the taxpayer and with low ambitions for improving their lives.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/these-are-our-children>

Understanding the needs of disabled children with complex needs or life-limiting conditions

This report by the Council For Disabled Children and The True Colours Trust looks at what we can learn from national data on the numbers of children with complex needs or life-limiting conditions.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/understanding-needs-disabled-children-complex-needs-or-life-limiting-conditions>

Managing My Way Report

Managing My Way was an innovative project that aimed to increase the responsibility disabled children and young people are able to take for managing their own health conditions. It was funded by the Department of Health.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/managing-my-way-report>

Children and young people's views on the NHS Constitution

The first report reviews the NHS constitution and three key documents on children and young people's health to establish core messages on what children and young people should expect from health services in England.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/children-and-young-people's-views-nhs-constitution>

Realistic Positivity: Understanding unexpected additional needs of children placed for adoption

Adoption changes the lives of the children and families involved forever. Whilst providing nurturing new families for children can be extremely rewarding for adoptive parents, it also presents significant challenges. <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/realistic-positivity-understanding-unexpected-additional-needs-children-placed-adoption>

Children with learning disabilities whose behaviours challenge

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF) brought a group of academic experts together to consider the available evidence and data on children with learning disabilities and behaviour

described as challenging. This work forms part of the [Early Intervention Project](#) (delivered in partnership by CBF and the Council for Disabled Children).

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/briefing-paper-children-learning-disabilities-whose-behaviours-challenge>

Toolkits, resources and e-learning

What is Integrated Personal Commissioning?

At its core is empowering people and communities to play an active role in their health and wellbeing, with greater choice and control over how their support and care is organised and delivered. Integrated Personal Commissioning (IPC) is central to implementing this transformation. This resource is aimed at all those involved in the production of education, health and care plans. It provides a helpful overview of IPC and what it means for children and young people with SEND in England.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/what-integrated-personal-commissioning>

Designated Medical Officer/Designated Clinical Officer Handbook

Based on a number of events with DMOs and DCO's we have produced a handbook that sets out important elements of the role, insight into how the role is emerging in different areas together with practical examples and useful materials for practitioners and commissioners.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/designated-medical-officer-and-designated-clinical-officer-handbook>

DMO Online Forum

CDC has been doing lots of work with clinicians to understand how the Designated Medical Officer (DMO) or Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) can support the vision of the Children & Families Act 2014. We have a comprehensive database of DMO/DCOs across the country and host an email forum that allows peer learning and sharing of practice challenges and solutions.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/our-work/health-and-wellbeing/practice/developing-role-designated-medical-officer>

CCG Audit Tool

This audit tool pulls together in one place the key pieces of evidence that the CCG will wish to assure itself on in terms of its progress in implementing the 2014 Children and Families Act.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/ccg-audit-tool>

Local Authority Audit Tool

Like the CCG Audit Tool, the Local Authority Audit Tool pulls together in one place the key pieces of evidence that local authorities will wish to assure themselves on in terms of progressing towards implementation of the 2014 Children and Families Act.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/local-authority-audit-tool>

Making it Happen

Making it Happen is a series of online e-learning modules that are aimed at supporting health professionals understand and implement the requirements of the Children and Families Act.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/our-work/health-and-wellbeing/training/making-it-happen>

Early years toolkit

This toolkit supports early years providers in implementing the SEN and disability reforms.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/sen-and-disability-early-years-toolkit>

Your Rights, Your Future Toolkit

An interactive training session designed for any practitioner working with children and young people on the SEND reforms.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/making-ourselves-heard/resources/your-rights-your-future-toolkit>

Key Working Approaches to Support SEND Reforms

This online training empowers professionals to work in partnership with young people and their families as well as support them in implementing the SEN and Disability reforms.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/key-working-approaches-support-delivery-send-reforms>

Joint Working Workshop Resources

A number of useful resources from our one day workshops in regions around England to bring together local authorities and health commissioners

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/search/content/joint%20working%20workshop%20resources>

Decision Making Toolkit

A practical guide to support social workers, health practitioners, school and college staff, parent carers, families and anyone working directly with children and young people.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/decision-making-toolkit-0>

Children with SEN in Youth Custody

This presentation has been designed to support local authorities, youth offending teams and custodial establishments in understanding and preparing to implement this new framework from April 2015.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/new-legal-framework-children-sen-youth-custody>

This practice guide is aimed at those working to improve outcomes for young offenders who have or may have special educational needs.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/young-people-youth-custody-practice-guide>

SEN and Disability in the Early Years

These resources and toolkit support early years providers in implementing the SEN and disability reforms.

Early years short guide:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/disabled-children-and-equality-act-2010-early-years>

Early years SEN summary:

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/send-reforms-early-year-settings>

Disabled children and the Equality Act 2010:

https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/equality-act-early-years_online.pdf

Expert Parent Programme Toolkit

This toolkit has been developed as part of the Expert Parent Programme to enable parents to deliver aspects of the training to other groups of parents.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/expert-parent-programme-toolkit>

Case Studies

Local authority examples of co-working across departments.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/case-study-devon-sustainability-and-transformation-partnership>

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/case-study-leeds-youth-offending-service-and-camhs-coordination>

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/case-study-behavioural-evaluation-support-team-best-project-bradford>

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/case-study-developing-shared-outcomes-children%E2%80%99s-services-hertfordshire>

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/case-study-individual-budgets-portsmouth>

Logic model: integrated care for children and young people with SEND

This logic model shows why we need an integrated approach to raising aspirations and achieving improved outcomes for children & young people with SEND, and what needs to be in place to make this happen.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/logic-model-integrated-care-children-and-young-people-send>

Joint Commissioning bulletins

The Council for Disabled Children regularly receives questions from SEND Regional Leads and delegates from the regional SEND workshops on a whole series of issues relating to the SEND reforms and joint commissioning. The joint commissioning bulletins are designed to share the learning from those discussions to a broader audience.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/updated-joint-commissioning-bulletins>

Children and Families Act and implementation*

Implementation Update: Issues relating to health

This report focusses on emerging learning about the key challenges facing local areas, messages about practice from local areas and themes to be addressed in future work.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/children-and-families-act-2014-implementation-update-issues-relating-health>

Health reforms in the Children and Families Act

This briefing produced by the health policy team at CDC highlights the key reforms in the Children and Families Act 2014 and some of the key issues professionals in the health services should be addressing as they prepare for the implementation of the reforms.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/health-reforms-children-and-families-act>

Summary of the Children and Families Act

This briefing produced by the CDC policy team gives a really useful summary of the key themes in Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014: children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/summary-children-and-families-act>

*See also CCG and LA Audit Tools on page two for implementation toolkits

Educations, Health and Care Plans

Exemplar EHC plans

This resource has been produced to help practitioners write good quality EHC plans that meet both the letter and the spirit of the Children and Families Act 2014.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/education-health-and-care-plans-examples-good-practice>

Requirements to provide Health Advice within six weeks

To develop high quality EHC Plans that integrate provision across service boundaries local areas need a clear, transparent process for undertaking EHC Needs assessments, developed in partnership with parents, young people and professionals.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/requirements-provide-health-advice-within-six-weeks>

Focusing on Health & Care in EHC Plans

A number of useful resources from our workshops in regions around England focusing on Health and Social Care as it relates to EHC outcomes, needs assessment and planning.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/focusing-health-care-ehc-plans>

A Step-by-Step Guide to EHC plans

CDC have produced a step-by-step guide to Education Health and Care plans designed to support the completion of person-centred, legally compliant EHC plans.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/step-step-guide-ehc-plans>