

PCT AUTUMN STATEMENT 2009 – AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN



PCTs have an important role to play in commissioning services for children and young people with disabilities, complex and palliative care needs, ensuring an integrated approach which improves outcomes. PCTs, as members of Children's Trusts, will be working with partners to identify the needs of this client group and commission appropriate services.

The IoW PCT jointly works with partners through the Children's Trust, to gain views from children, young people and families. Close working relationships with professionals across all disciplines leads to identification of needs. The strategic planning group around the Aiming High Agenda will look to take the recommendations forward to the Children's Trust and the PCT board.

During 09/10 investment into the Community Nursing Team is being given to take into account Continuing Care and the needs for the community children's nursing service enabling children/young people to be cared for in their preferred setting. This is an integrated service with the acute provider; the team will continue to develop following assessment of needs and publication of the continuing care final documentation.

There is a relatively small requirement for provision of service for powered wheelchairs for children and young people and current levels of provision are considered to be adequate. Non-powered wheelchairs are jointly commissioned with the LA, there are some issues regarding delays in the delivery of specialist wheelchairs. During 09/10 benchmark of current service provision will be undertaken and joint plans within Aiming High to address wheelchair provision will follow.

Beaulieu House is a jointly commissioned short term break facility to support the neediest children requiring multi-disciplinary services.

Plans are in place to address the needs and future provision of services. Individual packages of care are currently commissioned for those children/young people who require health care packages in the community. Ongoing gap analysis is required; however, continuing care needs have been identified in the Operational Plan for 09/10.

Services for Specialist palliative care provision for children are commissioned from the acute/community integrated service. Plans are in place to spot purchase service for short term breaks specific to palliative care from the local hospice (mainland) if requested.

Joint training across PCT & LA through workforce development strategy is being delivered to ensure the workforce is able to contribute to deliver the full service offer in short break requirements of meeting Aiming High. Investment in operational plans for workforce development and the continue evolution of a workforce strategy will be ongoing in 09/10. Training for third sector will be offered as required.