

Terms of Reference

Children and Young People with Disabilities and Learning Difficulties Partnership Forum (CYPwDLD)

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Aims

That in relation to children and young people aged 0 – 25 the CYPwDLD shall:

- Monitor the implementation of Richmond upon Thames' CYPwDLD Policy documents;
- Promote the Equalities and Diversity agenda with regard to children and young people with CYPwDLD;
- Consider the needs of all children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), whose needs are met in mainstream schools, units or special schools;
- Consider the future needs of children and young people with SEND and whether the provision offered is sufficient;
- Seek to understand future changes in local and national policy;
- Promote understanding of the roles and responsibilities of all bodies and agencies involved with children and young people with SEND;
- Receive updates on health services for children and young people with SEND;
- Promote the interests of the families of children and young people with SEND;
- Seek to promote the smooth transition for service users from Children's Services to Adult Services.

Accountability

- The Partnership will be chaired by the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services;
- Officer members of the Partnership will report to the Council's Children and Young People's Trust Board.

Procedure

- Meetings will take place four times a year;
- Some members of the Partnership represent a constituent group (schools, parents, users and carers, SEN Governors, voluntary groups etc);
- In order for a meeting to be quorate, at least one third of the members shall be present;
- A meeting of the Partnership must approve amendments and /or additions to these Terms of Reference.

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