

## Information about the new Disability Service

### We are changing the way in which we deliver our Disability Services

#### What are we doing?

In January 2017 we started talking about our proposals for a new single Integrated Disability Service. A number of children and adults disability services are being brought together into one service, to support people with disabilities from birth through to older age.

By having a single service, we want to reduce the impact of transition and reduce the chances that people will not be disadvantaged as they are passed from one service to another.

#### What will the new service look like?

The Disability Service will include;

- a new **Life Planning Teams**, with social workers from both the former Children with Disabilities Team (CWDT) and Community Learning Disabilities Team (CLDT). They will provide assessments, safeguarding and social care services
- the **Education, Health and Care Team** who develop education, health and care plans, which support children and young people to access training and education
- **Educational Psychology**
- a new **Enabling Independence Team** which brings together Occupational Therapy, Sensory Services, Equipment and Adaptations, Assistive Technology and the Access Officer
- **Day and Residential Services**; the Heathway Children's Resource Centre, Heathlands Adults Day Centre, 80 Gascoigne Road Residential Care Home.

#### Improved partnership working

The Life Planning Teams will also include integration with **health staff** from the **North East London Foundation Trust (NEFLT)** who support adults with learning disabilities. We believe this co-location will support further the development of joint working practices.

#### So far...

We have **consulted with staff** about the changes and how they will need to work with disabled people in the future.

We are continuing to **work with parents, and partners** about the proposals for the new service, as we want you to be involved in shaping the new service. This work has included the development of a 'life plan' and the life planning- person centred way in which we are going to work.

We are ensuring that **social workers** in the life planning team will be **trained and skilled** in working across the whole of the Disability Service.

We aim to launch the new Disability Service on **17 May 2017**.

### What are the key changes?

- **Development of Life Planning Teams and a life planning approach;** We recognise that for some children, young people and adults with complex needs, that they will require a level of support throughout their life time.
- We believe if we capture this information much earlier it will help us improve the **planning of provision of services** now and in the future.
- A feature of life planning is a person centred planning approach which will enable us to have discussions with young people and their parent/carers about future aspirations as they prepare for adulthood; such as employment and housing/supporting living choices.
- As part of this approach we have introduced a **'life plan'** and we are currently working with parents and partners on what this should look like. Through a recent workshop we have already had feedback about this, and we are using this in the development of the life plan.

### What difference will the new Disability Service make to me?

We believe the new Disability Service will enable people with learning disabilities to;

- have as much **choice and control** as possible over their lives
- identify their **needs, wishes and aspirations** for how they want to live, early on and **help us plan** for these
- improve their **health and wellbeing**
- live as **independently** as possible
- be involved in their local **community**
- have access to **housing, employment, training**
- identify and plan for their **future support needs**, particularly into **older age**
- have a plan in place for when they are older and their **parents/carers are no longer able to care** for them

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