

Memorandum of Understanding – Summary

Implementing the requirements of the Children's & Families Act 2014 and relevant statutory guidance in respect of the SEND agenda.

Agreement between: Wakefield Council & NHS Clinical Commissioning Group

Background and purpose

To work collaboratively in order to ensure the effective implementation of the SEND reforms and the Children's & Families Act 2014. The LA & CCG must ensure that the duties placed on both organisations as part of the above regulations are in place for:

- Local Offer publication/delivery
- Integrated assessment
- EHCP joint outcomes agreed
- Joint commissioning arrangements in respect of EHCP delivery
- Integrated delivery approach for children & young people age (0-25) with SEND/EHCP
- Clearly identify what will be offered locally as a personal budget

Parameters of the agreement

The agreement is in place solely to ensure that the CCG and LA are clear on how they will work together to ensure all statutory duties related to SEND are met.

It is intended that the agreement will be reviewed when required and amended as necessary.

Specific areas covered by the agreement

- Local Offer
- Arrangements to enable timely decisions for C&YP with SEND (EHCP Process)
- Complex Care Panel
- Personal Budgets
- Integrated Service delivery & partnership arrangements on contractual specifications with providers reflecting SEND agenda

Duration of the Joint Agreement and Review Periods

Effective from 1st September 2014 for a minimum period of 12 months – it will be reviewed annually or more frequently if requested by either party.