

Update paper –Local Offer and Personal Budgets

Local Offer

The Local Offer Working Group has progressed the Local Offer to be fully functioning and accessible to parents/carers, children and young people. The website, which sits alongside the Havering Family Information Service, shows all services currently commissioned by the Local Authority and CCG.

The website has been rigorously tested over the last 6 months by parents, young people and professionals to ensure the website is user friendly and has all the relevant, up to date information. The 16-25 section of the Local Offer has been further developed more recently in collaboration with local providers.

A scoring matrix has been developed to support the Quality Assurance process for information added to the Local Offer. The scoring matrix is to assess the suitability information from of non-commissioned services/provision for inclusion on the local offer.

The local offer working group has now been disbanded due to fulfilling its purpose. Governance of the local offer is now through the Local Offer Stakeholder Panel & Steering Group.

Personal Budgets

There is an initial draft of a personal budget policy however the intention is to develop the policy further in line with the Care Act. Once further work has been carried out to develop the policy we intend to consult with our Parent Representative group.

Where eligible families are able to access a personal budget in the form of:

- Support with transport to and from school/college (Education)
- Continuing health care (Health)
- Short breaks (Care)

As yet this is limited in its scope, but is still under development and will allow time for systems and processes (e.g. broker arrangements, payment cards etc.) to be established and embedded. It will also allow time for services to adjust to a new market environment and assist in minimising the risk of market instability.

We are continuing to work towards developing a wider range of services to be available as personal budgets in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

To date we have not had any requests for Personal Budgets outside of the services and provision that are currently being offered.

Joint Commissioning:

Key areas for joint commissioning/working across the LA/Public Health and the CCG have been identified for 15/16, these are:

- Health Budgets
- Health Visitors
- OT/Therapies
- Short Breaks/Respite
- Equipment Review
- Review CCG contracts
- CAMHS

Discussions are under way with partners to prioritise key areas for further development.