

Response to Best Value Review for Children with Disabilities			
Recommendations	Commentary	Person(s) Responsible	Time Scale
<i>Strategic Development 7.1-7.3</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Appointment of Senior Manager (7.1) ▪ Joint Strategic Framework (7.2) 	<p>Agree. Decision made for integrated disability service to remain for a further twelve months under the auspices of Lead Manager Specialist Services, supported by dedicated time from the policy unit. Discussion with other agencies on proposals.</p>	<p>Helen Davies, Assistant Director (C&F) John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services in conjunction with other agency colleagues</p>	12 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication Strategy (7.3) 	<p>Agree. Need to build on existing work undertaken by Triangle, 'Tomorrow We Go'. Will form part of strategic framework.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p>	12 months
<i>Prioritisation and Resource Allocation 7.4-7.6</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eligibility Criteria (7.4) ▪ Reviewing Officer (7.5) 	<p>Agree. Review system to be restructured to reflect needs of children accessing respite as a means of remaining within their families. Work towards appointment of disability reviewing officer to ensure that the care plans of children placed away from their families remain appropriate to the needs of those children, see also 7.22.</p>	<p>John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services Stuart Gallimore, Head of Child Protection</p>	12 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ System for prioritising resources (7.6) 	<p>Agree. Operations Manager to take forward development of system for prioritising resources as part of overall financial management strategy.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p>	12 months
<i>Service Development 7.7-7.9</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fitness for purpose study of local authority buildings (7.7) ▪ Establish pilot project for use of direct payments (7.8) ▪ Redetermine arrangements for transition service (7.9) 	<p>Agree. This work will be commissioned and will inform implementation programme after strategy is agreed.</p>	<p>John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services Keith Hinkley, Head of Commissioning Bob Sherwood, Head of Policy & Performance Review</p>	<p>12 months</p> <p>12 months</p> <p>6 months</p>
WORK PROGRAMME			
<i>Strategic Planning 7.10-7.15</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Analysis of needs of disabled children (7.10) ▪ Establish multi-agency project group and linkages between other planning groups (7.11, 7.12, 7.13) ▪ Undertake consultations on draft national strategy (7.14) ▪ Establish disabled children's register (7.15) 	<p>Agree. This will be essential preparatory work for the development of the strategy and the work programme of the new post.</p> <p>Preparatory work largely completed. A provisional register will be implemented from May 2001.</p>	<p>Bob Sherwood, Head of Policy & Performance Review John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services</p>	<p>12 months</p> <p>May 2001</p>
<i>Partnership Working 7.16-7.17</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parental involvement (7.16, 7.17) 	<p>Agree. Currently priority of Parents Forum.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p>	6 months

<p><i>Service and Management Arrangements 7.18-7.20</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Service structure (7.18) ▪ Audit data collection/Admin support (7.19, 7.20) 	<p>Work will progress in next 6 months.</p> <p>Agree. This will be taken forward as part of development of strategic framework, under Specialist Lead Manager. This will need to be in place prior to joint review in the Autumn.</p> <p>This will form part of departmental admin review, which will be the responsibility of an external consultant.</p>	<p>John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services Operations Managers</p> <p>Operations Manager External Consultant</p>	<p>6 months</p> <p>6 months</p>
<p><i>Care Pathways 7.21-7.38</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Framework for Assessment (7.21) ▪ Disabled Children from ethnic minorities, analysis of need (7.22) ▪ Task Analysis, Children's Disability Team (7.23) ▪ Multi-agency protocols (7.24, 7.25, 7.26) ▪ Children with complex needs (7.27, 7.28) ▪ Residential respite (7.29) ▪ Family Link (7.30, 7.31, 7.32, 7.33) ▪ Outreach (7.34, 7.35, 7.36) ▪ Community Development (7.37) ▪ Transition (7.38) 	<p>Agree. Training completed, will be implemented from 1 April.</p> <p>Agree. Will form part of work programme of Policy Unit and will be incorporated into strategic framework.</p> <p>Agree. Link service will transfer to disability services in the near future.</p> <p>Agree. QP monies identified to establish Outreach service in the north of the county. this will provide opportunity to restructure current service and build in targets.</p> <p>Agree. Basis for working relationship already in existence. Will be taken forward as part of strategic framework.</p> <p>Agree. Awaiting outcome of paper being presented to Departmental Management Team by Diets Vershuren, Adult Assessment Team.</p>	<p>Operations Manager</p> <p>Policy Unit John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services Operations Managers</p> <p>Operations Managers</p> <p>Operations Manager</p> <p>Practice Managers</p> <p>John Tovey, Head of Specialist Services Keith Hinkley, Head of Commissioning Operations Managers</p>	<p>1 April onwards</p> <p>6 months</p> <p>6 months</p> <p>9 months</p> <p>8 May onwards</p> <p>6 months</p>