

Provision at the Salt Way Centre

Children's Health, Social Care and Education

Overview Committee

Date: 14 September 2016

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Wards:	All
Locality Affected:	All
Parishes Affected:	All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 This report will update the Committee on the services that are being provided for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities at the Salt Way Centre in West Swindon. The services to which this applies and which are outlined in Appendix 1 are Paediatric Therapy [Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy], Speech and Language Therapy, Complex Health and Continuing Care Service, Disabled Children's Team [Social Care], Aiming High Short Breaks Service, Portage including Special Tots and Early Bird Services, Koalas [charity part funded by SBC, Swindon CCG] and Swindon Learning Disability CAMHS [provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, commissioned by Swindon CCG].
- 1.2 The reports contained in Appendix 1 will give an overview of the type of services being provided and how they are responding to increasing demand.
- 1.3 These are key services funded from six different sources including Swindon Borough Council and Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group and from external sources such as school budgets in the form of traded services and from the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- 1.4 We are contributing to the Councils' Corporate strategy 'Make best use of Swindon resources inside and outside the Council'.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Comment on the approach and strategy being adopted to manage these services as demand increases.
- 2.2 Identify any areas of development or concern that require further investigation or exploration.

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3. Detail

Context

- 3.1 Although the focus of this paper is on services specifically provided for children and young people with a disability and their families there are other services based in the Salt Way Centre who provide services specifically to the South Locality. These include the South Area Social Work Team and the Early Help South Locality Service. The former includes Social Workers and the latter Health Visitors, Youth Engagement Workers, Targeted Mental Health Service, Educational Psychology, Education Welfare, Community Nursery Nurses and School Nurses.
- 3.2 There are three charities based within the Centre which includes Koalas whose function is outlined in Appendix 1, Wiltshire Tree House who provide bereavement support for children and young people in Swindon and Wiltshire and Jessie May who deliver and develop quality respite and palliative care services in the home for children and young people with life limiting conditions. Also, the Swindon Parent and Carer Group use the Centre as one of its bases. These services work in partnership with the other services based within the Centre.
- 3.3 The Centre possesses seven specially adapted clinic rooms and 6 meeting rooms. This allows us to undertake a lot of direct work with children and families within the Centre as well as in the community. There are specific clinics for Speech and Language therapy, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Psychology, Child Psychiatry, TAMHS and Health Visiting. We have visiting Paediatricians from Great Western Hospital who provide clinics in epilepsy, child development, ADHD and Autistic Spectrum Condition/Disorder. In 2015 we had approximately 12000 children and young attend for appointments at the Centre. This excludes those attending Koalas, Special Tots and the various other groups held at the Centre.
- 3.4 In addition a number local voluntary/parent groups use the Centre to provide a services. These include Child Minder Group, Midwife Clinic, Early Bird courses [see Appendix 1] and Coast [a parent support group for parents who have children with ASD and others. Also, the Centre is used three evenings a week and each Saturday to provide specialist social or activity groups for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities. These are provided and facilitated by the Aiming High Short Break Service
- 3.5 The Salt Way Centre is six day a week facility both for children and young people and their families living within the south locality and for children and young people with a disability and their families.
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Detail for specific services for children and young people with a disability

- 3.6 The detail on the individual services is encapsulated in Appendix 1. The following is highlighting some of the main points contained within the reports.

Paediatric Speech and Language Therapy

- 3.7 There has been an overall 26.16% increase in referrals in the last 3 years.
- 3.8 The number of referrals seen within 13 weeks [target of 80%] has dropped from 81% in 2014/15 to 68.5% in March 2016. This refers to the overall performance of children seen within 13 weeks.
- 3.9 There has been a 191% increase in the number of children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorder on speech and language therapy caseloads from March 2013 to March 2015.
- 3.10 An initial request to the Swindon CCG for additional funding to respond to these pressures was declined pending a joint SBC and Swindon CCG formal review of all Community Health Services.
- 3.11 The impact of an increase in workload due to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice [DFE 2014] [SEND Reforms].

Paediatric Therapy: Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy

- 3.12 There has been an overall increase of 21.85% in referrals in the last 3 years. The service has managed this increase in demand and has maintained the target of seeing 80% of children and young people within 13 weeks.
- 3.13 The impact of an increase in workload as a result of the SEND Reforms.

Complex Health and Continuing Health Care Service

- 3.14 The service is fully commissioned by the Swindon CCG.
- 3.15 In 2013/14 the service was working with 20 children and young people and their families. This has increased to 37 in 2015/16. This is an overall increase of 85% since 2013/14.

Disabled Children's Team

- 3.16 The team now have a greater emphasis on assessment and intervention in relation to child protection and working with families where there is clear evidence of the imminent risk of family breakdown.

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- 3.17 The service is trying to strike a balance between the provision of short breaks and direct intervention and support to families to address the underlying causes of need and remain within a defined budget.

Aiming High Short Break Service

- 3.18 The Committee to note the changes in the service following an extensive consultation and report to Cabinet in December 2015. Please refer to appendices 1 and 2.

Learning Disability CAMHS

- 3.19 The Swindon LD CAMHS Service is commissioned by Swindon CCG and is part of the Oxford Health NHS Trust.

- 3.20 Although referral rates have remained constant the complexity of the work has increased.

Swindon Portage [Home Teaching]

- 3.21 The service has maintained and increased slightly the number of children to whom it provides a service.

- 3.22 The impact on workload of the introduction of the SEND Reforms

Special Tots

- 3.23 The positive impact of Special Tots and Koalas [Charity] working in partnership to manage the referrals into the service.

- 3.24 As with the other services the impact of implementing the SEND Reforms.

Early Bird Programme

- 3.25 The Committee are asked to note the success of this programme.

Koalas Swindon Opportunity Group

- 3.25 To note how a charity can work in partnership with an SBC service to maximise the resources that are available to children in Swindon with additional needs and disabilities.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 In this report the Council is scrutinising its operational activities.

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Financial and Procurement Implications

- 4.2 There are no specific financial implications for the Council arising from this report. Each of the services which are given a focus in this report is required to remain within a prescribed financial envelope.
- 4.3 We are aware that the demand for these services is likely to increase whilst resources will remain finite. This means that our ability to redesign our services to meet changing needs will be key going forward.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 4.4 All legal and human rights considerations have been fully taken into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the content of this report is compatible with Convention rights.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 4.5 None were identified in the preparation of this report.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 4.6 A recent diversity impact assessment has been carried out on one of the services contained within this report [Aiming High Short Break Service November 2015]. This has highlighted some key areas that could have implications for those services given a focus in this report.
- 4.6.1 Disability: Potential impact identified due to potential new maximum service levels and some potential reductions in service levels.
- 4.6.2 Race, religion/ belief: Potential impact identified. Black and minority ethnic (BME) service user numbers are lower than expected based on the population profile. We believe that the services are, and will continue to be, accessible to people of any race, religion or belief.
- 4.6.3 Sexual orientation: Potential adverse impact identified; further work is required to understand any potential barriers for this group.
- 4.6.4 Age, sex, gender identity, marriage/ civil partnership, maternity, economic status: No adverse impact identified.

Risk Management

- 4.7 No additional risks have been identified.
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5. Consultees

- 5.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 None.

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1: Services being provided for children and young with a disability or additional needs and their families at the Salt Way Centre.

- 7.2 Appendix 2: Short Break Statement.