

**HW&SC - DP 2
CYMORTH DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL PROFORMA**

PRIORITY AREA OF WORK: Strategy for Disabled Children and Young People

MAIN CORE GROUP (proposing): (3) Health, Wellbeing and Social Care

LINKS TO OTHER CORE GROUPS: Cross cutting theme across all Groups

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AREA OF WORK TO BE SUPPORTED:

Funding is required to support the development and ongoing implementation of a multi-agency strategy to improve the outcomes for disabled children and young people. The first key element is the appointment of a Strategy Development Officer to project manage this work. The post holder will undertake specific pieces of work to develop the strategy, support the work of the multi-agency Steering Group, facilitate the engagement of children, young people and their families and other stakeholders, provide regular progress reports and undertake key pieces of research identified as being necessary to the development of the strategy.

The Plan indicated that the strategy should provide a cohesive and comprehensive approach to meeting needs locally identified across the Welsh Assembly Government's seven core aims for children and young people in Wales. The strategy will therefore bring together and build on a range of existing service priorities and developments from other plans and strategies as well as enable ongoing work to be undertaken to evidence need and levels of demand to agree future priorities for service development. Key links include:

- Cardiff Family Support Strategy
- Autism Strategy
- Early Childhood Strategy
- Commissioning of a Residential Respite Project
- Ty Gwyn Special School project
- Play Strategy
- Action on Child Poverty Project
- 14-19 Annual Network Development Plan
- Keeping in Touch Strategy
- Community Safety Strategy

Work associated with these existing projects already suggests that there are a number of developments that will need to be considered for Cymorth funding over the life of the strategy. These include:

- scoping work to explore opportunities for enhanced wrap-around provision for children attending special schools. This is of early significance for the Western Learning Campus developments and the links with the residential respite unit
- development of a training plan to share skills and build support, competency and confidence of staff working in schools, play services, transport providers, voluntary organisations – to enable them to support children and young people with disabilities/complex needs to access facilities on an equitable basis
- ensuring that disabled children and their families can have their needs assessed and met, by re-visiting eligibility criteria and expanding the services currently provided across agencies

These areas of work highlight that as the priorities for the strategy emerge, there will be a need for consideration to be given to enabling access to future Cymorth funding.

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LINK TO PRIORITIES: 1. 7 2. All 3. Overarching - Yes		Strong Medium Strong
LINK TO CYMORTH THEMES (Please indicate all activity and process themes that apply):		
ACTIVITY THEMES: 1. <u>Family Support *</u> 2. <u>Health improvement *</u> 3. <u>Play, leisure and enrichment*</u> 4. <u>Empowerment, participation and active citizenship*</u> 5. <u>Training, mentoring and information*</u>	PROCESS THEMES: 1. <u>Disadvantaged neighbourhoods*</u> 2. <u>Partnership working*</u> 3. <u>User involvement*</u> 4. <u>Adding value to mainstream*</u> 5. <u>Early preventative intervention*</u> 6. <u>Delivery from integrated centres and networks*</u> 7. <u>Inclusion*</u> 8. <u>Evidence based practice*</u>	
HOW HAS THE NEED FOR THIS WORK BEEN IDENTIFIED? (e.g. reference to CYP Plan / Delivery Plan / key strategy / new research) The CYPPlan identified the need to develop a strategy to improve outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families as a key cross-cutting priority for the Partnership. The development of such a strategy is in line with policy guidance set out in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'We are on the way: A policy Agenda to Transform the Lives of Disabled Children and Young People' (WAG, 2008), • The National Service Framework for Children Young People and Maternity Services in Wales (NSF), 		
MAIN PROPOSED OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: How would these be measured? Which outcomes in the CYP Plan do these link with? Outcome measures, targets and baselines to be developed as an integral part of the strategy development 1. Improved outcomes for disabled children, young people and their families in relation to the Welsh Assembly Government's seven Core Aims for Children and young people in Wales 2. 3.		
WOULD THE WORK BE TIME-LIMITED OR ON-GOING? If the work is time-limited, please give estimated date of completion	Time-limited* / On-going * End date: Strategy development officer post initially 2 years; service implications of strategy ongoing	
OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING AND RESOURCES Could there be added value from	YES	

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<p>links with other sources of funding, projects or programmes? If 'yes', please give brief details</p> <p>Is this other funding secure?</p> <p>Would other programmes be at risk if Cymorth funding were not agreed for this area of work?</p> <p>Comment</p>	<p>Cymorth funded work would complement and add value to core statutory and third sector</p> <p>Variable</p> <p>Yes – risk that services are not appropriately targeted or cater equitably for those in need. Services are not always jointly co-ordinated, planned or commissioned. Existing strategies and projects do not have the scope and multi-agency co-ordination necessary to address this issue. Responsibility for disability is spread across the core aims.</p>
<p>IS CYMORTH FUNDING CURRENTLY BEING USED TO FUND (A) SIMILAR TYPE/S OF PROVISION? Please indicate if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a project is considered to be delivering the right service to the right target group and is recommended to be put 'on hold' if necessary • 'TUPE' arrangements might be needed if similar provision were to be commissioned from another provider 	<p>YES – appointment of strategy development officer agreed (CYM094) but full costs not identified.</p> <p>Range of existing projects support disabled children and young people and must be considered on individual merit within the framework of the proposed strategy</p> <p>NAME OF PROJECT: CYM034; CYM057; CYMDIS</p> <p>The HWBSC core group proposes that these projects are funded for 2010/11 pending the development of the Strategy for Disabled C&YP – reviewing these projects in the context of the emerging strategy will be a key task for the Development Officer</p>
<p>CONSULTATION Has there been consultation with service users about this proposal?</p> <p>Please note agencies/providers who have been consulted</p> <p>Please note any significant issues/indications of support</p>	<p>YES – this proposal builds on issues identified by service users and their families through a host of engagement mechanisms including consultation as part of the development of the CYPPlan</p> <p>Local NHS, Cardiff Council, VAC and the Children and Families Network of voluntary organisations, National Public Health Service, Cardiff Community Health Council,</p> <p>Strong views expressed that children and young people with a disability or complex need should be supported to access the same range of opportunities and services as everyone else</p>
<p>RISK ASSESSMENT Level of risk to CYP and families if this work is not delivered (taking into consideration likelihood &</p>	<p>High</p>

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consequences): Overall importance to delivery of priorities:	Critical
RECOMMENDATION: CYM094 – appointment of Strategy Development Officer plus on-costs, and small commissioning budget be approved at a cost of £60k; CYM034, CYM057 and CYMDIS be continued for 2010/11 pending review within context of emerging strategy.	