

The Children & Young People's Directorate (CYPD)

The Children's and Young People's Directorate (CYPD) has been formed by bringing together the **Sheffield's Education Service** and **Sheffield Social Services for Children and Young People** with some elements of **Health services**. These services have been brought together in one single directorate to ensure that the city achieves for **all** children the five key outcomes set by the government:

- Being healthy
- Being safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Economic well being

The new Directorate works closely with the **voluntary and community** sector. The CYPD has a particular role in providing services to children with special needs in the following ways

- CYPD alongside Health colleagues has a key role in ensuring that the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities are **identified** at the earliest possible stage, **assessed** and **provided for** in a way that enables them to meet the five outcomes above.
- CYPD has a role in maintaining and developing a **range of accessible school and early years provision** suitable for the requirements of children with SEN and disabilities. This includes specialist schools and units together with a range of special services which support mainstream schools and early years provision to include children with SEN and disabilities and meet their specific needs. All schools and early year's settings have children and young people with special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabilities.

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- CYPD also has a key role in **supporting families and communities** to satisfy the different needs of children with SEN and disabilities and to work with parents as partners in developing services to help their children. Everyone working with children has responsibility for ensuring they are healthy, safe and given access to the widest range of opportunities to help them enjoy their childhood and develop their potential.
- CYPD has a responsibility to **consult with parents and children**. The views and experiences of children and parents about the services they use are given high priority. Local authorities are required to listen to and take note of the experience and views of children with SEN and disabilities and their parents. The Local authority must take these opinions into account in shaping and developing services.
- CYPD is responsible for implementing the government's Ten Year Childcare strategy in Sheffield to help achieve economic well being for families. Part of this task is to make sure that the level of childcare provision in the city matches the demand for childcare places. This includes childcare places for parents and carers of children with SEN and disabilities.
- Sheffield CYPD has as a range of specialist services involved with supporting children with SEN and disabilities. More detailed information about these services is included in this pack.

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