

AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN UPDATE

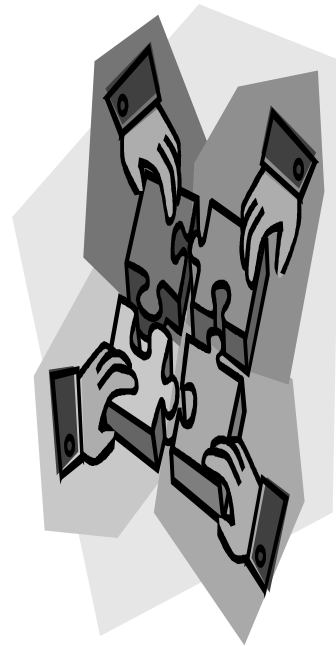
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Progress to Date

Before the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme began in 2008 there were approximately 150 disabled children and young people receiving a short break in Kingston upon Thames. At the end of quarter one, 2010 there are 409. By focusing on increasing the numbers of children and young people accessing mainstream / universal provision we aim to have approximately 800 by the end of the project, in March 2011.

In order to increase the number of children and young people accessing mainstream provision, we have given each school cluster some funding to promote inclusion and access e.g. breakfast and after school clubs. The funding will pay for the cost of the club, support if required and any equipment the child/young person may require.

The two specialist Children's Centres, Norbiton and Chessington, have also been given some funding.



Parent Panel

EnhanceAble have organized the newly constituted Parent Panel and will be facilitating regular meetings with parents/carers. The group

will have a real impact on the development of services for children and young people with disabilities in the borough.

For more information about the group and find out dates of the meetings please contact Caroline Baxter on 0208 547 6201

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Capital Funding



During August a consultation took place with parents / carers of disabled children and young people to ask for their opinion on how to spend the Aiming High capital funding with a choice of 2 options. The result was overwhelmingly in favour of option 2,

which is to refurbish 2 rooms on the ground floor of the Moor Lane Centre with access to an outside area where there will be accessible leisure equipment. Accessible toilets and a kitchen area will also be built.

However, all local authorities have just

been informed that all capital funding is being reviewed and we may not receive all the allocated funding, so may not be able to carry out all the plans we had hoped. I'll update when I receive confirmation.

Children and Young People's Consultation



In order to find out children and young people's views regarding activities they have enjoyed or would like to take part in, all providers who are currently providing short breaks, funded by Aiming High have been sent accessible question-

naires to complete with the children and young people.

The purpose of gathering this information is to inform further commissioning of services after the programme finishes. The findings will be analysed in October

and reported on in the next newsletter.

Services Commissioned by Aiming High



Yadapa Art and Music Workshop, August

Since the beginning of the Aiming High project, we have commissioned a range of short breaks. Here are just some:

Specialist Services

Yorda Adventures

- Easter and summer holiday activities
- After school club
- Weekend activity group

- Swim sessions

Yadapa

- Shine Drama Group
- Art and music workshops

Barnardo's

- Life Skills Group
- Weekend Activity Group

Services Commissioned by Aiming High (continued)

EnhanceAble

- Kite Group—a specialist group for young people with Aspergers
- Parent/Carer web forum

Shooting Star

- Day care for children under 5 years with complex health needs or life limiting conditions

Fulham Football Club Foundation

- Football coaching
- Basketball sessions

RBK Transition Staff and Family Liaison Worker

- Garden project at the Moor Lane Centre

RBK Family Liaison Worker

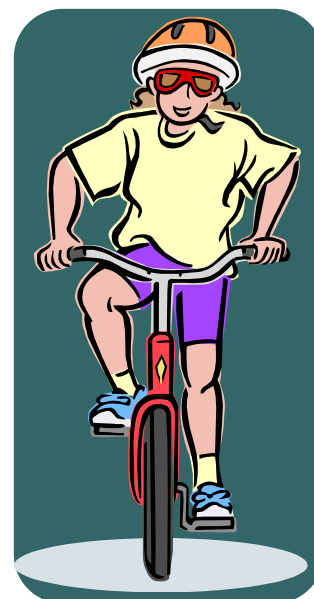
- Makaton singing for children under 5 years



Mainstream/Universal Services

- Access in a number of mainstream summer holiday activity groups, including swimming lessons. Support also provided, when required
- Accessible gym equipment in a mainstream school, for pupils at the school and for young people who do not attend the school
- Summer holiday provision at Surbiton Hill Nursery
- Funding given to school

clusters and Children's Centres to increase access. The proposals received to date include cycling lessons for disabled children attending mainstream schools, access to mainstream breakfast and after school clubs, after school activities including karate, training and start up equipment for short tennis



Provider Event/Exhibition

We will be holding a provider event in January 2011.

The event will be organised in two parts; the first a meeting with providers and professionals at RBK to discuss what has worked during the 3 year programme, are there any

gaps, sustainability once the project concludes at the end of March 2011 etc.

The second part of the event will be an exhibition, where providers who have been commissioned during the project, will be able to showcase the work they have done with the children and young people and

demonstrate the outcomes achieved.

Children, young people, parents, carers and professionals will be invited.

The event will also be advertised on the RBK website and the EnhanceAble web forum.