

## **Draft for consultation**

### **West Sussex Children & Young People's Service**

#### **Special Needs & Disability Service – Aims & Objectives**

##### **The aims of the service are:**

- To improve outcomes for children and young people with special needs and disabilities, and to support them and their families through providing high quality, effective and efficient services
- To involve children, young people and their families in decisions about service delivery and development

##### **We shall achieve this by:**

- Developing good working relationships with schools, other statutory and voluntary organisations so that wherever possible children and young people can remain living within their own families and local communities
- Providing comprehensive and easily accessible information about services
- Ensuring staff are trained to develop their skills, supported and valued
- Maximising the use of available resources through effective commissioning and monitoring of services.

##### **The Special Needs & Disability Service comprises:**

- Two child disability teams assessing, commissioning and providing social care services for children with severe disabilities and their families
- Three residential units providing day care, overnight short breaks and full-time care for severely disabled children
- A sitting service recruiting, training and linking volunteers to families with disabled children
- A special educational needs team dealing with the statutory assessment process and relevant matters relating to children who hold a statement of special educational needs.
- A sensory support service providing advice, information and support to schools with children and young people who have sensory impairment; also providing advice and support to early years children and their families from the point of diagnosis.
- A parent partnership service offering information and support to parents and carers of children with special educational needs, including the provision of an independent parental supporter when required.