



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Children's Services)

Date: 21 October 2010

Subject: Scrutiny Inquiry – Services for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional health needs – Inquiry into Service Redesign

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the board's meeting in June, members agreed to carry out an inquiry into the redesign of services for children with disabilities, special educational needs and additional health needs, as one of their major pieces of work this year. A copy of the agreed terms of reference is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The first formal session of the inquiry was scheduled for October. Children's Services have provided the attached report, covering issues identified in the terms of reference for the inquiry. Relevant officers from Children's Services, Education Leeds and the health sector will be at the meeting to respond to members' questions and comments.
- 1.3 The next session of the inquiry is scheduled for the Board's next meeting on 18 November 2010, as set out in the terms of reference. A number of visits and working group activities will take place between these two sessions.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 The board is requested to consider the issues raised by this session of the inquiry.

Background papers

None