

Progress Report of Review of Visual Impairment Services as part of a wider Review of Sensory Impairment Services (January 2009)

The work being undertaken continues and the attached Work Plan provides some detail of the main areas of activity and focus.

The review group has wide representation from all services involved in Sensory Impairment, including Childrens Education/Schools Services and Older People Services.

The review has been most recently considering the 'as is' position, with a strengths and weaknesses exercise having been undertaken. Full account has been taken of the legislative base and requirement, funding streams and realities, and alternative models of service provision explored.

The review group have been helped to date in their task by inputs on the adoption of a Whole Systems approach to service development and also Outcome Based Commissioning, its principles and requirements. Regular progress reports have been requested of the Project Manager and will be used to further inform the two new Authorities over the next twelve months.

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