Date: 30th November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Partners, children, and young people,

**Our plans to develop services for Disabled Children open to Birmingham Children’s Trust**

This letter is to let you know about our plans to review and improve services for disabled children who are known to Birmingham Children’s Trust.

We are very committed to improving how we support children, young people and their families. We want to offer services that help us to work effectively. We believe that we can improve some of the ways that we work with disabled children and their families.

The aim of the review is to improve outcomes for disabled children so we will be looking at:

* Services we provide to ensure they meet the needs of our children and families.
* Disabled Children's Social Care Services, Short Breaks and the Family Support offer.
* The response from Early Help and Early Support.
* How we work with partners such as health and education services.
* Identify and improve ways to develop the skills of young people; and
* Provide better opportunities from the Preparation for Adulthood team.

We have developed a multi-agency project group that will identify the changes needed. The group includes parent carers.

I am very pleased to be chairing the project group. We have appointed a project manager, Claire Differ, and a new strategic lead, Alison Montgomery. Chris Bush, Head of Disabled Children’s Social Care, has changed role in November. He will co-lead the project with the aim of making plans, helping to develop partnerships, and delivering the improvements we identify together. From 23rd November, Iffit Rehman is the new full-time Head of Service, replacing Chris.

Children, young people, parents, carers, and partners will be listened to and involved as we progress the work. Our aim is to have a plan that has been created in partnership with all key stakeholders and a service that really makes a difference to all children and their families.

Over the coming months will be seeking your views, they really do matter to us. We would welcome your support/the support of parent and carers and the support of children and young people in any improvement we do make to services and provision

If you want to get involved in the review or if you have any comments or questions, please email the project inbox at: ChildrenFirst@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk.

We will write to you again in the next few weeks to give you more information about how you can be part of our plans for a new vision.

Yours sincerely



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