

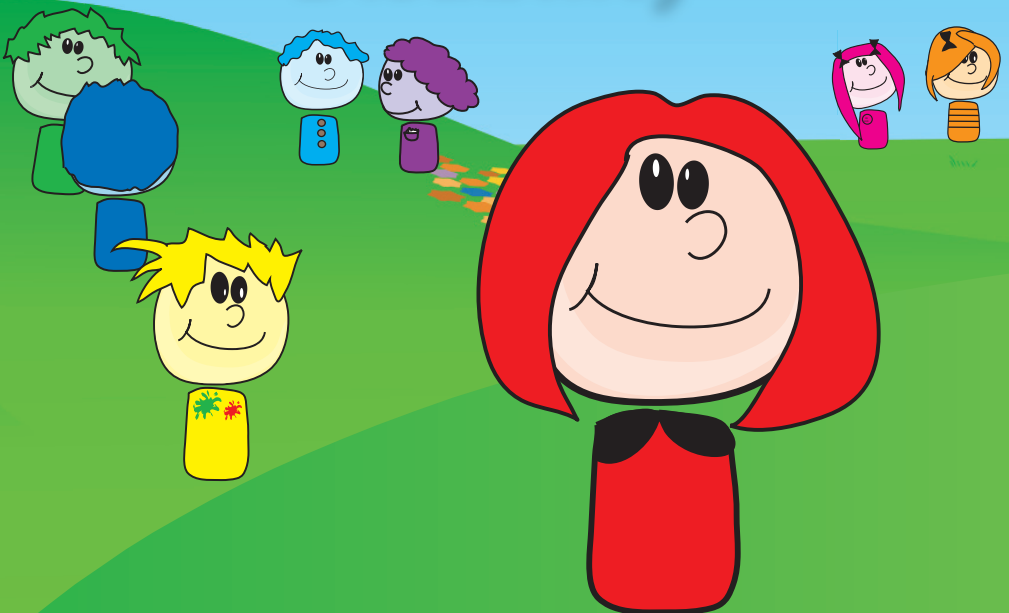
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Multi-Agency Planning Record for Children with a Disability



Keeping Blackpool Families Informed

INTRODUCTION TO THE PLANNING RECORD FOR CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY



The Children Act 1989 requires each local authority in England and Wales to develop and maintain a 'register' of children with a disability. This was endorsed in the Quality Protects Management Action Plan for Blackpool and the Inter-Agency Strategy for Children with a Disability (1999). In Blackpool the register is called the **Planning Record**. The Record was developed following consultation with parents and carers, Targeted Services and NHS Blackpool.

The Record is computer-based containing personal information about the child/young person. This includes their name, address, carer details, main diagnosis and services being received.

The five main aims are:

- To provide statistical information to help plan services for Children with a Disability
- To provide statistical information to inform local and national research
- To assist in the development of appropriate adult services
- To provide details for a mailing list so that families may be sent relevant local and national information
- To share information, with the parent/carers consent, with other practitioners involved in the child's care.

The Co-ordinator is responsible for the maintenance, operation and review procedures of the Record, producing a tri-annual newsletter and publishing an Annual Report.

Advantages for Families and Children:

- Enable them to be informed of relevant information through mail shots and newsletters
- Providing information about their child enables a Record to be developed as a valuable resource around planning for their child's future needs
- Families can refer themselves to the record

Here are some examples of services/agencies that families have been signposted to :

- Special Care Dentistry for the child with a disability experiencing difficulty accessing a dentist
- Young Carers support for the other children in the family
- Leisure Cards to identify the child with a disability and their carer so any appropriate concessions may be applied
- Fire Service for free fire safety advice for the whole family
- Targeted Services to discuss family support

Advantages for the Agencies:

- Monitor current services
- Help plan for future service development
- Identify current gaps
- Highlight unmet needs
- Reflects current trends
- Central gathering point of data
- Help to produce Management Reports
- Monitor service activity

Practitioners can refer to the Planning Record with parent/ carers consent. Inclusion is voluntary and registration can be withdrawn upon request. Children are removed by the Co-ordinator when no longer residing in Blackpool or when they reach their 18th Birthday. Maintenance of the Planning Record is crucial. The Co-ordinator generates annual reviews to ensure the accuracy of the current data. Multi-Agency meetings and Forums are attended by the Co-ordinator to promote the purpose of the Record and encourage new referrals.



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