

## Support for Children & Families

'Every Child Matters' (2006) prompted unprecedented debate about services for children, young people and their families and addressed the underlying problems of weak accountability and poor integration.

Children and their families should expect to have support that is responsive, timely and well coordinated, regardless of any disability or difficulty, ('Aiming High for Disabled Children,' 2007). It is the desire of everyone to provide the best environment for children to grow up in.

Through the provision of a range of care and support services specifically designed for supporting families and carers, we believe we can help ensure the necessary interventions happen before children and young people reach crisis point, and will increase the chances that they do not 'fall through the net', and make a positive contribution to their family and local communities.

Carewatch agrees with the 'Children Plan: building brighter futures' (2007) that there is evidence to indicate children and young people learn best when their families support and encourage them and when they are experiencing positive activities outside of the school day.

the need for higher intensity and more costly care and support. This includes services for children who have a learning disability, mental health issues or complex needs.

We provide person-centred support that focuses on outcomes to achieve the inclusion of every child in the mainstream of everyday life, as well as setting personal goals and having fun. Our computer software programmes can track progress of goals and match qualified staff to children and young peoples' preferences and locality.

We can help to promote health issues and an active life for children. They will help to support the local approach to safeguarding children and young people.

Carewatch strives to allow children and young people to have their say about the support they receive. We provide support that is based on promoting independence, dignity and respect. This includes working in partnership with parents and other family members.

Carewatch is happy to work with people who have individual budgets, ranging from Direct Payments through to Individual Service Funds and services purchased wholly or partly by the local council.

### How can we help?

Carewatch provides care and support in the community with a view to preventing or delaying