

155. Children and Young People Services Directorate

Name of policy, procedure or function: Inclusion Service		
Service Area: Children and Young People Services Directorate	Equality Impact Assessment completed by: Head of Specialist Services	Date: January 2010
Summary of Findings:		
<p>The function of the Inclusion Service is to support the Inclusion of all children in Warrington by Presence, Participation and Achievement. The aim of the service is to help build the growing capacity of schools to meet the needs of all pupils and to support the expertise contained in its specialist provision. The Service offer advice and support on a preventative basis to boost earlier intervention and support the development of inclusive practice in all settings.</p> <p>The Inclusion Service works in partnership with schools and partner agencies to increase the confidence and capability of the staff in those settings to include all pupils. The service aims to provide a clear route for the identification of children and young people learning English as an Additional Language in order that the service is fully aware of all new arrivals who may require EAL support.</p> <p>Developments to be made include the continued professional development of all staff undertaking assessments to ensure appropriate assessment instruments are used so as not to disadvantage minority groups. The service will continue to monitor and review with POOSOM the needs of students educated at home to ensure relevant access to appropriate support. Schools will be encouraged to refer pupils with mental health problems that are less externally obvious and to ensure equal access differential data (on age, sex etc.) will be recorded and monitored.</p>		