

Access to Resources Team

Aim

The Access to Resources Team is part of the Joint Commissioning Unit within the Commissioning and Business Improvement Division of Children's Services. The team provides a single access point to provision for all children and young people whose specific needs cannot be supported within current Buckinghamshire County Council resources.

It presents a cohesive approach to placement planning across education, safeguarding and health.

We will ensure that external providers:

- can meet the identified needs and evidence improved outcomes for the young person requiring placement;
- offer best value services;
- are registered and approved by DCSF and OFSTED;
- will sign up to the cross-regional protocols for contracting and monitoring arrangements.

Structure

The team comprises two specialist Access to Resources Commissioners who have significant combined practical knowledge and experience in the field of special education and safeguarding. One leads in education led placements, the other leads in safeguarding led placements. They also deputise for one another. The officers are supported by an Access to Resources Business Support Specialist, and a Business Support Assistant

Roles and responsibilities of the team

- **Advising on suitability of placements**
Providing a range of evidence which identifies compatible provisions
- **Raising standards and quality of services used**
Ensuring best outcomes and best value for money for children placed externally
- **Researching new/alternative out-of-county placements**
Having up-to-date knowledge of existing/new providers and their full range of services

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