

The County Resourcing Panel (CRP)

The purpose of CRP is to:

- to enable all children and young people with complex needs to access an appropriate range of educational and social care provision
- to consider placement and resourcing issues from an inclusive and wherever possible holistic perspective for children and young people with complex needs and disabilities.
- to provide a forum to explore and develop creative, inclusive and multi-agency responses to meeting the needs of children and young people with complex needs and their families
- to ensure that decision making for this group of children and young people is consistent across the county but is flexible enough to respond to local variations.

What does the CRP do?

The CRP provides advice to the Local Authority regarding requests for very high cost provision. This includes, for example, requests for:

- independent specialist education placements
- individual building adaptations for schools and homes
- SEN Home to School transport appeals
- high cost equipment (over £5,000) e.g. communication aids
- residential respite requests
- joint funding decisions for out of authority/independent residential placements (including Post 16)

In all cases the panel must be satisfied that the proposed provision will meet the assessed needs of the child/young person and that the provision does not represent a disproportionate use of public funds.

Who sits on the Panel?

The membership of the panel includes:

- Head of Commissioning Enhanced Services (CES) (chair)
- Lead Practitioner Speech & Language Therapy Service
- Lead Practitioner Physiotherapy Service
- Lead Practitioner Occupational Therapy Service
- Head teachers
- County Managers for Social Care
- Disabled Children's Social Care
- Health Commissioning Manager
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CPFT)
- Manager Statutory Assessment & Resources Team

- Senior Educational Psychologist
- County Manager for Community Nursing Team
- Locality Manager (Adults)
- Manager of the LLDD (Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities) Team
- Representative from the Children's Hospice

How often does the CRP meet?

The panel meets every three weeks, all year round.

What information does the panel have?

The panel requires a detailed rationale for the request being made supported by up to date supporting evidence from parents/carers, the professionals involved and where appropriate, the child or young person.

When are people informed of panel decisions?

Decisions will be communicated to the appropriate referring professional within 48 hours of the meeting.

Families will be told of the outcome of the panel by the professional who made the referral.

What happens if funding is not agreed?

If CRP does not agree a request for support, additional information can be submitted and the case considered again at the next available panel meeting.

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