

Joint Commissioning Services for Children with Additional Needs in Devon

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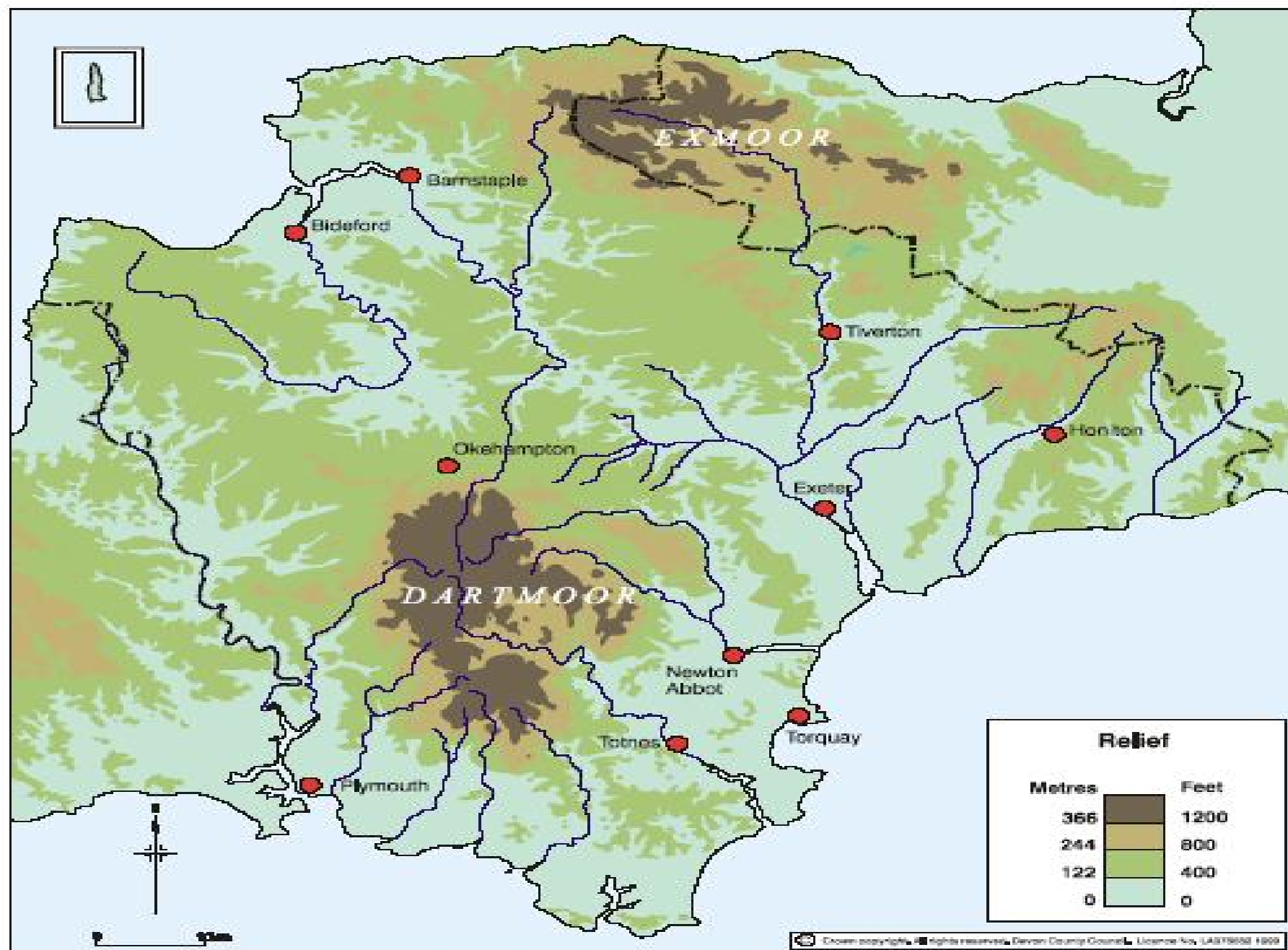
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Children with Additional Needs
Devon Children and Young Peoples Services

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- **Six separate Primary Care Trusts;**
- **Many providers of specialist health services;**
- **Three separate Local Authority Social Care localities;**
- **Lack of consistent specialist provision;**
- **Access and provision inequitable;**
- **Early intervention patchy;**
- **Disjointed assessment processes;**
- **High levels of parent / carer dissatisfaction;**
- **Distance from schools communities;**
- **2000-2006 Joint Agency development.**

- **Clarified the definitions for Children with Additional Needs as a joint NHS and DCC approach;**
- **All Children and Young People with needs identified through health education and social care joint assessment at Level 2 of the Devon Concern pathway;**
- **This included new priority areas for health and local authority:**
 - Palliative Care;
 - Autistic Spectrum Conditions;
 - Joint and Specialist Equipment;
 - PCT Children's commissioner appointed;
 - From a health perspective, this was crucial as it introduced a holistic view of both agencies priorities coming together.

- **Physical Sensory Learning Disabilities and Difficulties (including all therapy, nursing and social care services);**
- **Emotional Health and Wellbeing -specialist Child Adolescent Mental Health Services;**
- **Public Health Nursing for Children;**
- **Palliative Care;**
- **Autistic Spectrum Conditions –pathways;**
- **Specialist Equipment;**
- **Short Breaks Provision.**

• Devon Total Population	755,000
• Child population	164,000
• CYP with Additional Needs LDD/SEN	11,400
• CYP with CYPS/NHS funded services	4,700
• CYP with Statements SEN	3,338
• CYP with Joint Agency Service	2,400
• CYP attending Devon Special Schools	800
• CYP in Independent sector schools	160
• CYP in Joint Funded placements	40

Financial Analysis LDD/ SEN including education:

Devon CYPS	£70 million
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Devon PCT	£25 million
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Aligned budget from above	£18 million
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CAMHS/ Short Breaks/ Integrated Children's Service teams/ Joint Equipment Services/ Independent sector placements.

- **Organisational:**
 - Cultures;
 - Contract process;
 - Finance systems;
 - Procurement (EU);
 - Commissioning Capacity;
 - Structures.

- **Strategic Commissioning Group – Director Children’s Services and Director of Commissioning PCT;**
- **Joint Commissioners Group – including Finance and Contracts;**
- **Children’s Trust reporting framework;**
- **Champions;**
- **Key people / shared vision.**

- **Parent Carers Conversation Events 2007-2010 550 parent carers;**
- **2007 Initial Events:**
 - Demographics –facts and figures;
 - Provision- what was available in each area;
 - Transparency re costs.

This hadn't happened before.

‘Special Schools as Hubs
is a good idea.’

Parent Carer

‘Schools should be
accountable to parents for
how they use their money’.

Parent Carer

‘It’s lonely being a parent carer – we need regular contact.’

Parent Carer

How does one disability
attract more funding than
another?

Parent Carer

Person Centred Planning quotes from Young People:

‘I like to be with other young people in my community’

‘I love sensory work’

‘I like playing outside’

‘My life is fun because people work together’

‘I like out of school clubs’



National and local
strategies aim for the
best possible
services
for children and their
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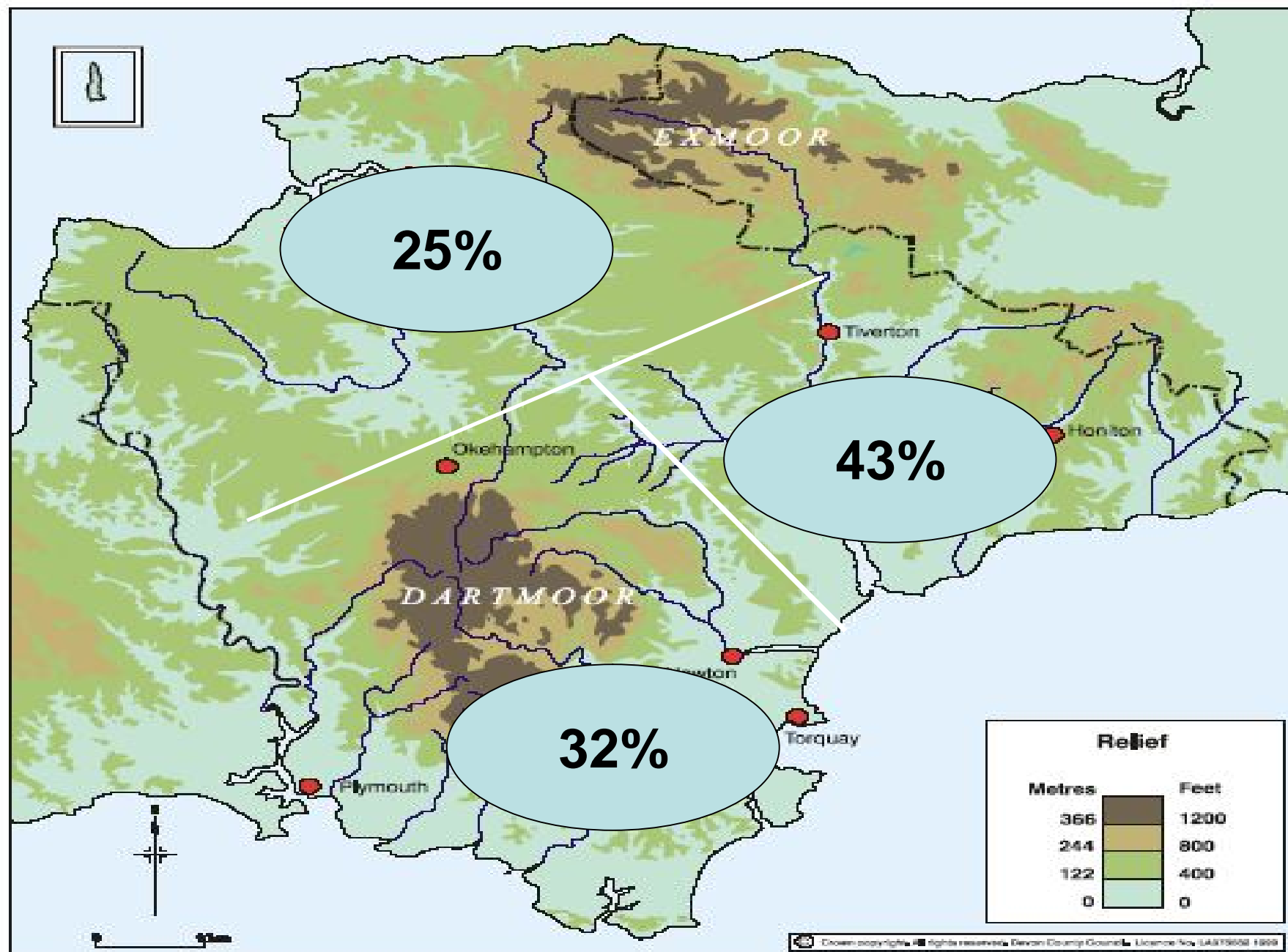


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- **Palliative Care:**
 - Life Limiting Illness;
- **Emotional Health and Well Being:**
 - CAMHS /Peri Natal and Infant Mental Health;
- **Early Years 0-5 Specialist Assessment and Provision;**
- **Short Breaks and Shared Care;**
- **Transitions 14-21.**

Integrated Services Area Formula (Fair Shares Allocation)

- General Population 0-19;
- Specific Population of CYP with Known Special Needs;
- Deprivation Indices;
- Local Learning Community Area Data;
- Arrive at a percentage Allocation for each area of the combined PCT and CYPS budgets for specialist health and social care services both staffing and revenue.



- **Transforming Community Services;**
- **Identifying efficiencies and reductions in Local Authority Provision;**
- **Prioritisation Process:**
 - Identified clear Statutory functions and absolute priority areas of work;
 - Deeper and wider Integration;
 - Mixed economy of providers with a single delivery specification.

- **Developing Future Models:**
 - Third Sector Partnerships;
 - Personalisation and Individual Service Frameworks:
 - 700 Families using Direct Payments;
 - £2.5 million DP budget;
 - Mixed market over 450 providers.



**Partnership approach to
develop services for
children with additional needs**

**Plans for a new specialist
child assessment centre**

**Proposals for development of
overnight short breaks**

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- NHS Devon/ DCC Voluntary Statutory Partnership Agreement with Vbranch House Charity – Pooled Budget and asset transfer;
- £1 million external donation - League of Friends -Donation and build managed by Charity.
- Purpose built high specification design for quality, flexible facility Value £2.5million;
- Team and expertise transfers from existing child development centre;
- The Model will develop in other areas of Devon over next 2 years.

Keeping Children with Disabilities within the Priority

Vulnerable Children Young People and Families:

- Safeguarding;
- Strengthening Families;
- Children with Additional Needs;
- Adolescents.

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‘Don’t get me wrong John, but I don’t really care how you lot are put together, as it seems to change every year now - my child goes to school, needs specialist health support and we as a family do need some support to keep going. We’re happy to do a lot of this ourselves but you still need to make it easier for us to do that and despite what you said I still make my 5 phone calls a week !!