

# **STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE PAEDIATRIC CONTINENCE FORUM 2008-2012**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Paediatric Continence Forum ( PCF) is a nationally lobby group of clinicians, parents and commercial partners which was set up in 2003 initially to ensure that paediatric continence was included within the government's 2004 National Service Framework for children. This it achieved. The PCF has since continued to work with the national charity ERIC (Education and Resources for Improving Childhood Continence), to put into practice the standards within the National Service Framework and to ensure that proper integrated community-based NHS paediatric continence services are set up within each Primary Care Trust.

## **1 VISION**

**The vision for the PCF in 4 year's time (2012). The PCF will:**

- Remain an effective and flexible national pressure group with a coherent voice to represent the views of service users and clinicians in relation to the delivery of paediatric continence services
- Be financially supported by at least 6 companies

**Will have achieved:**

- A significant improvement in the number of proper integrated, community-based paediatric continence services nationally
- Awareness amongst the government, service commissioners, managers and practitioners of the "toolkit" available to aid service commissioning ( devised and tested by ERIC, in conjunction with the PCF)
- A system whereby services can be properly audited nationally
- Greater political awareness of the needs of children with continence difficulties
- Commitment from the government to support a fair reimbursement of products under Part 1X of the Drug Tariff
- Agreement from the government to establish a NICE review on childhood daytime wetting

## **2 STRATEGIC AIMS (The difference we want to make)**

- a) To increase awareness within the government and amongst service commissioners, managers and practitioners of the need for integrated, community-based paediatric continence services to be available to children and parents nationally and on an equal basis
- b) To improve the number of community-based, integrated paediatric continence services nationally; to aim towards a service within each PCT

- c) To ensure that the government reimburses urological and other associated products for children in a fair and effective way
- d) To achieve a NICE review relating to childhood day-time wetting
- e) To ensure that the NICE reviews on bedwetting and constipation result in guidelines that will enhance the delivery of proper services to children

### **3 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (What we will do to achieve the aims)**

#### **Relating to aims a) b) c) and d):**

- Lobby MPs to raise; questions about services in their constituencies, PQs, EDMs, Adjournment Debates as appropriate (*Years 1-4*)
- Regular contact with relevant officials within the DH and DCSF re dissemination of toolkits, service audit and communicating the work of the PCF (*Years 1-4*)
- Regular contact with Strategic Health Authorities to raise issue of continence services within their monthly meetings with DH officials
- Achieve continued funding for ERIC to carry out the Implementation Project in conjunction with the PCF (*application year 2*)
- Draft letters that parents can use with their constituency MPs (*Year 1*) and disseminate via ERIC and Promocon

#### **Relating to aim c)**

- Be effectively represented on a government Review Panel relating to the reimbursement under Part 1X of the Drug Tariff (*Year 1*)

#### **Relating to aim d)**

- Members to be represented on the Guideline Development Groups for constipation and bedwetting, to participate as Stakeholders and to influence guidelines that will enhance best practice in service delivery

