

## Building a Centre of Excellence for Disabled Children and Young People in York

July 2017

### What we have done

- Shared stakeholder event report to staff / parent groups and partner agencies
- Visited similar projects and buildings to listen and learn from 'what works' in other places. We have visited The Croft Child and Family Unit in Cambridge, Ruby Lodge in Sheffield, Seashells Trust in Cheshire, Barton New Options in N Lincolnshire and Martin House in York
- A small group of staff, managers, parents and foster carers have been working on the specific building and design requirements that will feed into the building design brief.
- Recruited some external design specialists through a competitive procurement process
- Started planning the next film with children and young people, which will ensure they influence and inform the plans and developments.
- Started looking at the potential land options that might be available for any new building
- Updated key decision makers within the council on progress as part of the major project reporting requirements

### What we plan to do next

- Develop, share and discuss building design brief with Design Specialists
- Agree the plan and timescales of work for the Design Specialists
- Develop some initial ideas and proposals to discuss with staff and parents groups

### How you can you be involved

- Please send ideas, questions, feedback to [feasibility@york.gov.uk](mailto:feasibility@york.gov.uk)
- Keep checking web pages for the latest information and areas that we are working on that we want feedback on