

## **Funding and Service Agreement<sup>1</sup>**

### **Special Provision Programme for Autistic Children in Special Child Care Centre**

(as an attachment to the FSA on Special Child Care Centre)

#### **I. Service Definition**

##### **Introduction**

Special Provision (SP) Programme for Autistic Children forms part of a range of pre-school services for disabled children. It provides intensive training programme for children with autistic disorder upon their admission into Special Child Care Centre (SCCC).

##### **Purpose and objectives**

The aim of the SP Programme in a SCCC is to help children with autistic disorder to integrate into the daily programme of the SCCC so as to develop their abilities to the fullest extent and to establish a firm foundation for subsequent education and development. It also aims at helping children with autistic disorder develop social skills, attention span and the ability to follow instructions and rules so that they can learn and progress from the SCCC programme.

##### **Nature of service**

SP Programme for Autistic Children provides the following services:

- (a) Intensive training programmes in the form of individual and group
- (b) Periodic assessment by psychologist to monitor progress and discharge
- (c) Guidance to parents

##### **Target group**

The target group of the SP Programme in a SCCC is children with autistic disorder\* aged from 2 to 6 years, who also meet the eligibility criteria for SCCC. Referrals are made via the Central Referral System for Rehabilitation Services (CRSRehab).

\* Autistic disorder refers to core autism or autistic features as stated at p. 34 of the

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<sup>1</sup> This Funding and Service Agreement is a sample document for reference only.

Hong Kong Rehabilitation Programme Plan (1998-99 to 2002-03).

**II. Performance Standards**

The service operator will meet the following performance standards:

**Outputs**

| <u>Output Standard</u> | <u>Output Indicator</u>                                      | <u>Agreed Level</u> |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 1.                     | Number of special training hours** per SP unit within 1 year | 3,024 hours         |
| 2.                     | Number of programmes*** delivered to parents within 1 year   | 2                   |

\*\* Special training hours refer to training hours, provided by the Special Child Care Worker for Special Provision, delivered in individual and group, specific in meeting the needs of the autistic children in enhancing their social skills, attention span and ability to follow instructions and rules etc. For group training, the total number of children-hours should be counted.

\*\*\* Examples of programmes are educational talks and guidance session to parents, etc.

**Essential service requirements**

They are the same as the requirements of the FSA for SCCC.

**Quality**

They are the same as the requirements of the FSA for SCCC.

**III. Obligations of SWD to Service Operators**

They are the same as the requirements of the FSA for SCCC.

**IV. Basis of Subvention**

It is the same as that of the FSA for SCCC.