

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
PEOPLE IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

23 November 2016

Report of the Vice-Chair of People Improvement and Scrutiny Committee

**TRANSITIONS TO ADULTHOOD SCRUTINY REVIEW: UPDATE ON
PROGRESS**

1. Purpose of the report

To update the Committee on the progress of the working group's review of the Transition to Adulthood.

2. Information

The review of how the authority is working to support young people who are in transition to adulthood was agreed by the Committee on 6 July 2016 and it to be undertaking by a working group.

The working group has held numerous meetings with officers to brief them on the transition process. Consultation is currently being undertaken with young people who have experienced the transition process. This is in the form of a questionnaire with follow up a one to one interview with those who wish too. The working group have undertaken a visit the specialist children's centre – The Den, at Chesterfield Royal Hospital and are also visiting Mercian Close in Ilkeston.

The working group has agreed lines of inquiry, which can be found in the next section, although it is anticipated that further areas will be explored as the review progresses.

It is anticipated that a final review report will be brought to the Committee in March 2017 for their consideration.

3. Lines of inquiry (LOI)

A bullet point list of the individual lines of inquiry are summarised below:

1. What understanding do professionals and users have of the transition to adulthood process?

- Working group members had a briefing on the Children's social Care Offer for young people in transition to adulthood.
- Working group members had a briefing on the Adult Care Offer for young disabled people who are becoming adults.
- Working group members had a briefing Members on the SENDS Reforms.
- Members noted the joint planning work is informed by the Preparing for Adult Pathway. This is a guidance document that has been developed by health, social care, and education.
- Members noted the Derbyshire's Local Offer, was launched which described the types of support available in Derbyshire for children and young people with SEND and their families, from birth to 25 years of age.
- Members noted the Adult Care has worked closely with Children's services to implement the Special Educational Needs and Disability reforms.
- Members will be briefed by representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Groups in November and December 2016.
- Members will meet with a representative from the Preparing for Adulthood Programme (National Development Team for Inclusion) in December to seek examples of good practice in other authorities, issues in the transition process and how Derbyshire compares to others.
- Members will look to consult with representatives from the Disability Employment Service, Community Connectors and Brokerage Team in January 2017.

2. What are the experiences of young people and their families/carers of the transition process?

- The authority's Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Team (SECT) were commissioned to undertake the consultation.
- It has been identified that around 150 young people have been involved in the transition process in the last year.
- All those identified (minus some who it is not suitable) as above have been written too with a questionnaire, with a separate one for their parents/carers.

- Individuals will be invited to participate in one-to-one interviews. This will enable a fuller picture of their experiences of the transition process.
- Consultation will be completed in January 2017.

3. Can the services and set up at 'The Den' be matched in the south of Derbyshire?

- Working group Members will visit the Den, Chesterfield at a date TBC and Mercian Close, Ilkeston on the 23 November.

4. How to support those who have needs but do not have or are not eligible for social care support.

- Working group members had a briefing on personalisation in the transition process.
- Members noted that for children identified as likely to need social care support after 18 years of age Adult Care should ideally be involved with individuals from the age of 16 or 14 if particularly complex.
- Members also noted that, on establishing the eligibility threshold is met the assessment is then subject to the Resource Allocation System.

5. Are there gaps in expectations by young people and their families/carers when they are in transition to adulthood?

- The results of the consultation, both from questionnaires and one to one interviews will seek out views and experiences in this.

6. Is there enough consideration given to young people with mental ill health in the transition to adulthood?

- Members will be briefed by representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Groups in November and December 2016.

7. How is the authority managing the budgets to support those in transition?

- Working group members had a briefing with officers from Adult Care and Children Services on how budgets are managed in regard to the provision of transition to adulthood services.
- Members noted there is flexibility in the budgets by Children Service's and Adult Care to provide the support that is required by those in transition.

4. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Recommendation

That the Committee notes the progress made in the review of Transition to Adulthood.

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