

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

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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 undertaken by a working group.

The working group has had an initial meeting with officers from Children's Services and Adult Care. This provided Members with briefings on the Children's Social Care Offer and Adult Care services for young people in transition to adulthood. Members were also briefed on the Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SENDs) reforms and the introduction of the Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessment.

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?**

- a. Are there gaps in understanding between professionals and the users of the services?
- b. Are roles and responsibilities clearly defined by all partners when dealing with young people in the transition process?
- c. How does the authority help or direct staff, who supports young people in transition who may not think it is their role to lead on transition related issues?
- d. Are closer links with schools, higher education and employment agencies required to ensure they understand the roles of social care in transition?
- e. How the role of the Transition Champions can be used to ensure transition support is consistent.

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

- a. What are the experiences of those who have been through / going through the process?
- b. What were the experiences of the Education, Health and Social Care Needs Assessment?
- c. What are the experiences of support post 16, for example with Higher Education?

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

- a. Undertake visits to The Den at Chesterfield Hospital and Mercian Way in Erewash.
- b. What are the good areas of practice at The Den?
- c. What can be replicated in other areas of Derbyshire?

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

- a. How well is joint planning working for young disabled people who do not have eligible social care needs?

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

- a. Do parents and disabled young people find it hard to adjust in situations where young people leave full time education and are not eligible for support from Adult Care?
- b. How does the Early Help service help in managing expectations?

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

- a. Is there sufficient work undertaken to address the mental health of young people in transition?
- b. Is there sufficient support and services available for those young people in transition?

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

- a. What are the budgets for adult (including Public Health) and children services to cover the transition process? What does this cover?
- b. What other costs are incurred by the Authority in the transition process?
- c. How are the personal budgets and personal health budgets managed and budgeted for?

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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