

Report for: Meeting in Common of the Adults and Health & Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panels – 28 May 2024

Title: Transition Briefing

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Ward(s) affected: All

1. Looked After Children (LAC) Sufficiency Strategy 2022-2026: Progress report.

1.1 The purpose of this briefing paper seeks to inform scrutiny of the development of a new Transitions programme in Haringey and to ensure regular oversight from scrutiny on the emerging plans. The briefing should be read in conjunction with Appendix 1.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The report is for information only.

3. Reasons for decision

Not applicable

4. Background information

4.1 Transition from Children's to Adult Services continues to be an important issue nationally.

4.2 Successful transition planning and programmes are crucially dependent on collaboration between children's and adult social services. Well planned transition improves clinical, educational, and social outcomes for young people. Parents, carers, educationalist, and young people have shaped the plans to ensure that transition planning and programmes should be viewed as a procession and not as a single event with agencies recognising the importance of effective consultation mechanisms, flexibility in the timings of transitional interventions and allowing space for a period post needs, transferring, to ensure young people are established in the appropriate adult services.

4.3 Haringey has a well-established multi-agency approach to transition planning involving young people and their parents/carers, education and health

professionals, Personal Advisors in the Young Adults Care Leavers Services, and the Children with Disabilities team.

- 4.4 Under the new model, good practice features such as transition plans initiated as young people in care achieve their fourteenth birthday and embedding a transition review for those with EHC plans, will continue.
- 4.5 Haringey's Children and Young People and Adults' Services have examined the learning from best practice across the country and internationally and further identified the need to improve transition for young people.
- 4.6 Summarising, the learning to agree adults and children's services future approach to ensure that Haringey's transition process must be:
 - individual to the needs and aspirations of each young person.
 - a fluid process, spread out over a number of years if required,
 - designed to attempt to eliminate or reduce the structural barriers.
- 4.7 The creation of a new Integrated Transition Programme will support vulnerable young people, aged 14-25 to transition to adulthood. By using a strengths-based approach to maximise independence and develop resilience, this service will enable young people to reach their fullest potential, and in turn reduce dependence on adult services and whole life costs.
- 4.8 Haringey Integrated Transitions Programme aims to be a cross agency service with intentional co-dependencies with Housing, Health, Adults, Education and community sector partners, including faith leads.
- 4.9 The proposal informed by young people will continue to work with ASPIRE to coproduce an integrated children and adults transition service for 14–25-year-olds.
- 4.10 The cohort of children and young adults identified are those:
 - With Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND),
 - with a range of disabilities
 - with Learning Difficulties, Neurodivergent needs and known to Mental Health services (CAMHS)
 - Looked After Young Adults and children in care
 - Vulnerable young adults who may not meet Adults' statutory thresholds but who are at risk of contextual harm
- 4.11 A Transitions Board has been set up to oversee the implementation of this programme, chaired by the Director of Children's Services.
- 4.12 This Board will ensure:
 - That the transitions arrangements are robust and appropriate.

- That the processes are in place to ensure all young people who require transition services are identified and receive services.
- That support is available for service users and carers and that arrangements are in place to ensure their voices are heard and are central to the decision-making process.
- That the role and responsibilities of all partner agencies are clearly understood and that all partners are engaged in this programme.
- The effective use of Councils resources.

4.13 The Assistant Directors, for Children's & Adults Safeguarding have committed to reviewing the systems, processes and needs to track and monitor the progress of the agreed work. This measure allows the Assistant Directors to have direct line of sight regarding how the system is working and make adjustments in line with the values and assets-based approach.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

5.1 This links to the corporate priorities for children and families

6. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Presentation on Transitions Programme

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Not applicable