



The eight children and young adults chosen for this audit were aged between 16 and 19 years old at the time of the audit.

The children have a range of needs and experiences including childhood experiences of domestic abuse, mental health, childhood trauma, learning disability, autism, ADHD



# Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Transitions March 2025



The audit of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 reviewed the records of eight children who are about to or have just transitioned from children to adult services. The aim of the audit was to ascertain whether there were good multi-agency standards for managing cases and whether organisations have implemented a robust and consistent response in line with statutory and good practice guidance, and the Children's Partnership policies and procedures.



Organisations that audited their involvement with the ten children were: GPs, Social Care, Sirona, NBT, AWP, Next Link, Police, YJS, EDT, Preventative Services, Education.

## What we are worried about?

- Tracking of the children and young adults very difficult
- Multiple plans in place and hard to identify who the lead professional is
- 136 undertaken for one young person and no bed for her to go to.
- Some adult placements being used, lack of suitable accommodation
- Poor communication, no one agency seemed to have the full picture for a child
- Engagement of adults services at times
- Insufficient multi agency working
- No reference to fathers in any of these audits
- Lack of escalation policy used
- GP unclear who else is working with the child
- Police not sure that PA is given updates after their involvement and there have been multiple call outs and the young person is perpetrator of a crime. Gaps in information sharing.

## What Good Practice did we see?

- Autism passport was with one of young people which included how to communicate best with her, the hospital understood her challenging behaviours and needs. Good info sharing on discharge and planning meetings with adult and children's services in attendance
- Camhs and social care multi agency working
- Clear voice of the child included in records and what she wants to happen
- Dedicated work from transitions worker, weekly meetings
- Adapting support based on needs of the child
- PIMM continued to include one young person after their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday
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Eight cases were audited by the multi agency group and 4 were discussed in the meeting

## Themes for Learning: Child Centred Planning

- Gold standard transition will look different for every child
- There are themes of working well across agencies and clear information sharing
- Ensuring the child and their views are at the centre of the plan is essential
- The child's voice should be the 'loudest'
- Include advocacy for children as they approach transition



Start transition plans early, often they began too late in this audit



This audit was very difficult for the group to follow what was happening for the child. This must also feel overwhelming for the child



Pathway planning begins at 15 -and PA should be allocated at 17 for CiC



Think about housing placements and whether they match the age and needs of the young adult



When there is a need to escalate use the resolution of professional differences policy -click to read

## Themes for Learning xx

### What we found: System difficulties

- The audit identified good practice for individual despite the difficulties across systems
- It was hard to track the pathway plans across the system once a child turns 18, the childcare and adult plans don't dovetail well
- The audit found different systems in different organisations not 'speaking to one another'

### What needs to Happen?

- There was lots of silo and individual working and this needs to be brought together for young people
- Consider a flag on recording systems to show transitions work
- Information sharing is key to ensure a joined up process for every child

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