

Multi Agency Quality Assurance Audit: Care Leavers and Transitions April 2026



The adults reviewed for this multi agency audit are aged between 18 and 23. 3 are female and 3 are male.

The adults in the audit have a range of issues including ADHD, learning disability, caring responsibilities, anxiety, exploitation, drug misuse, domestic abuse, cuckooing, experiencing racism

The cohort of adults included four White British adults, one Iranian and one black and other ethnic group

What we are worried about?

The audit group saw concerns in terms of:

- Care Leavers are not identifiable to police officers by any flagging and this means their additional vulnerability isn't always recognised, this was the case for most of the adults
- Meeting notes not shared with GP and Police
- No referral to DA services, or IRIS with GP practice
- Cross border working when a care leaver moves into South Glos and remain under care leaver team in another authority
- Lack of curiosity when adult presented with self inflicted injury
- Younger siblings approaching adulthood and concerns that the same risks are evident for them
- Repeat MARACs and multiple police contact but remains at high risk

Organisations that audited their involvement with the six adults were: Adult Social Care, Sirona, Police, GPs, AWP, NBT & Next Link, Voiceability, DHI



Theme: Trauma Informed Practice

- Gaps identified in what is known about the adult's childhood experience when they were a child in care in another area
- Adults can display 'normalised' behaviour based on the trauma experienced in childhood and not be able to identify an unsafe relationship or when they are being exploited because of their lived experience
- Some evidence that trauma informed approach missing when a young adult is predominantly seen as a perpetrator of crime

Use of language:

This is 'normal for' this adult
Consider how we record and the impact of previous trauma and support with change for the adult

What Good Practice did we see?

- Voice of the adult being heard
- Offer of advocacy made for one adult
- Advocacy involvement for one adult
- Close working between PA and IDVA
- Clear, proactive information sharing
- Risks assessed and managed proportionately
- Use of 'was not brought' policy instead of did not attend
- Person centred practice evident
- Good management of ADHD by GP
- Evidence of best interest decision making
- Offers of support from SARI
- Changing practitioner to support cultural need



Record keeping needs to clarify who is with the adult eg. using term 'Mum' when there is a foster mum and birth mum



Referrals to drug and alcohol services and DA services were not seen.
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Creative Practice to ensure an adult is able to share his views in appointments

When a parent shares views on behalf of their adult child always consider if they are advocating for the adult to support them

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