

REPORT TO: Children, Young People and Families
Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 20th February 2012

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Children & Enterprise

PORTFOLIO: Children, Young People & Families

SUBJECT: Multi-Agency Transition Protocol

WARDS: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To provide an opportunity for the Board to comment on the revised transition protocol.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Policy and Performance Board

(1) Note, comment and endorse the revised Transition Protocol

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Strategic Transition Group oversees the implementation of the Multi-Agency Transition Strategy for Young People aged to 14-25. The Board endorsed the strategy on 21st February 2010. The Strategic Transition Group consists of representatives from; Adults Social Care, Children & Enterprise Directorate, NHS Halton, Riverside College, Bridgewater Community Healthcare Trust, Transport Services, Housing Commissioning and Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership. The Strategy sets out very simply the domains in the transition from Children's to Adult services, what we are doing already and how we can improve.

3.2 The implementation of the Transition Strategy is supported by an action Plan and an important aspect of which is the need to revise the Transition Protocol. The Protocol sets out in more detail the critical milestones in transition and the procedure to be followed by all of the key agencies. The protocol also clarifies the wider operational governance arrangements.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Transition Protocol reflects national guidance on effective transition for young people and sets out the procedure to be followed by all agencies and partners.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

This Strategy will ensure that the needs of children and young people are met.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

This protocol will ensure that young people's transition into adulthood is well managed and timely, thus enabling them the best opportunity to grow, learn new skills and secure employment.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

This Protocol will ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable children and adults are met.

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Transition is always the focus of any inspection in Children and Adult Social Care. Good, robust arrangements need to be in place to ensure that all services work together to support a young person moving into adulthood.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Young people who need to move through transition are some of the most vulnerable and socially excluded in the community. This Protocol seeks to ensure that they can participate in mainstream community life.

9.0 IMPLEMENTATION DATE

December 2011

10.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Multi – Agency Transition Protocol 2011	Children & Enterprise 1 st Floor Chester Building Grosvenor House	Nigel Moorhouse