

**PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
IN-DEPTH STUDY 2015/16**

**TOPIC: TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS FROM CHILDREN'S TO  
ADULT SERVICES**

**FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY / SCOPE OF PROJECT:**

- (i) To investigate whether the transition (process) arrangements between children's and adults' services are effective in Southend (appropriate & clear) and to investigate whether there are different ways of providing services for people with lifelong disabilities by looking at the whole lifetime;
- (ii) To make appropriate recommendations for improved outcomes for young people at transition stage.

**Method:** Through project team meetings and witness session (& 'focus group' with service user). *(At these sessions, evidence will be taken in public - unless local government access to information rules requires private consideration of information).*

**Target date:** April 2016

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillor Folkard (Chairman), Councillors Ayling, Betson, Buckley, Davidson, Davies, Endersby & Robinson  
Also - Councillor Salter (Chairman of People Scrutiny Committee)

**Officer / partner support** – Sharon Houlden, John O'Loughlin and Fiona Abbott (Project Coordinator).

**SOURCES OF EVIDENCE**

The main evidence base will be:

- 🚩 Legislation – Care Act 2014, Children & Families Act 2014, Children Act 1989, Mental Capacity Act, Statutory responsibilities, national guidance and research documentation
- 🚩 Evidence from key stakeholders

**POTENTIAL WITNESSES:**

- Executive Councillor for Children & Learning
- Executive Councillor for Health & Adult Social Care
- Health & Wellbeing Board representative
- Council officers:
  - Ian McFee (Group Manager SEN)
  - Matt Harding (Team Manager, Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities )
  - Glyn Halksworth (Strategy Manager, Drug & Alcohol Commissioning Team) – Complex Needs Panel
  - Finance representative
  - Alison Crowe (Service Manage for Children with Disabilities)
- Health partners
  - Dr Naina Emcy - clinical lead for paediatrics
  - LD team at Hospital
  - SEPT
  - GP / NHS Southend CCG

- CAMHS provider (NELFT)
- Making it Work scheme (Employment support service) – Marnie Bowling
- Healthwatch Southend – John Cooke
- SAVS – Alison Semmence
- Trust Links – Matt King
- Jobcentre Plus
- 'Focus Group' with service user / users

Issues to explore / questions to cover:

- (a) How transition planning is carried out in the authority (when – early enough)?
- (b) How are views of young people in transition, their families and carers sought and do they inform planning?
- (c) Responsibilities for young people leaving care (clear / effectively undertaken)?
- (d) Are there good working relationships in place with relevant partners and an effective strategy towards support for young people with mental health problems, disabilities, NEETs, in criminal justice system, at transition stage?
- (e) Leadership role of HWB to ensure that all partners take integrated approach to transition?
- (f) Resources – resources across partnership – pooling / opportunities for pooling?
- (g) Role of Healthwatch - views of young people in transition, their families & carers about the transition process. How do Healthwatch galvanise information from services users / families
- (h) How measure outcomes for young people at transition stage and how use this information to improve services?

(source – 'Must know on adult social care 10 – *Transitions*'. LGA, November 2014)

*Scrutiny process is structured to add value and is supportive of the challenges already set to be delivered, but has limited resources, which need to be focused on providing the front line service and the priority outcomes for the Council.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

To make appropriate recommendations to the Council.