

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Report of the Transition Sub Group

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To consider a report produced by the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee's sub group examining the transition process for young people with SEND (special educational needs and/or a disability) from children to adult services in North Tyneside.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to consider and approve the report into The Transition Process for Young People with SEND from Children to Adult Services in North Tyneside and refer it and its recommendations to Cabinet.

3. Details

3.1 On 23 January 2017, the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee agreed to establish a sub group to examine the process undertaken by both Adult Services and Children Services when a child with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) transfers to Adult Services at age 18; more commonly referred to as "transition".

3.2 The remit of the sub group was to find any gaps in provision or knowledge or processes which could disrupt a smooth transition and cause the experience for the young person and their families to be an unhappy one and then make recommendations to improve the experience.

Key questions to be answered included:

- What is the current process?
- If, after statutory duties are met, are there any gaps in provision?
- Is the current process fit for purpose?

3.3 The sub group met on a number of occasions to receive information and discuss their findings and also met with officers from the local authority. To gain an understanding of the services available in the borough the sub group also met with parents, representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group and sought the opinion of young people who had been through the process.

3.4 The findings and recommendations of the sub group can be read in the full report attached at Appendix 1.

- 3.5 The report was submitted to the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee on 19 February 2018 where it was endorsed and approved for submission to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee (minute CES57/02/18).
- 3.6 The sub group have made eleven recommendations which it considers will facilitate and progress improvements to the delivery of the service and the experience for the service users. Moving towards adulthood is an exciting time of new opportunities, new choices and increasing independence for all young people, whether they have additional support needs, or not and the sub group endorses the service's message that "We want all young people with special educational needs and disabilities in North Tyneside to have the opportunities to live the life to which they aspire" and believe that its recommendations will go towards making this goal a reality.
- 3.7 The report has been submitted to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for its approval for submission to Cabinet, in accordance with Part 4.3 Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Rules of Procedure in the Authority's Constitution.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report of the Transition Sub Group: the transition process for young people with SEND from children to adult services in North Tyneside.

5. Background documents

See Appendix 4 of The Transition Process for Young People with SEND from Children to Adult Services in North Tyneside attached as appendix 1.