

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership		Integration Joint Board	
Held on:		14th February 2024	
Agenda Item:		9	
Title:		Transitions Progress Update	
Summary:			
To update the Integration Joint Board on the ongoing work concerning transitions from Children to Adult Services.			
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Recommendations:			
<p>i. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board note the progress in transition work for the residents of South Ayrshire.</p>			
Route to meeting:			
Directions:		Implications:	
1. No Directions Required	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran	<input type="checkbox"/>	HR	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Directions to both SAC & NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
		ICT	<input type="checkbox"/>

TRANSITIONS PROGRESS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Integration Joint Board (IJB) on the ongoing work concerning transitions from Children to Adult Services.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board

- i. Note the progress in this area of work.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The work in relation to transitions from Children to Adult Services had been an area that required development for some time, with Covid 19 causing delay in active progression. The previous Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2022 highlighted transitions within the action plan.
- 3.2 The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) recognised the need for funding for a senior practitioner to focus solely on transitions and take this work forward. Attempts had been made informally to take this forward in Adult Services, however this did not provide the direction and clarity required. It was recognised that to progress in this area a post was required to be a senior practitioner with some management experience. The new practitioner came into post on a fixed term of 24 months on 16th November 2021. This post was made permanent in February 2023. The postholder has worked closely with all parties to develop pathways to support young people and carers to have clarity around the differences for children coming into Adult Services.
- 3.3 Within HSCP Children Services, the Children with Disability Team (CWDT) are responsible for the statutory and resource support for children/young people who have learning disabilities. It was recognised that many young people were remaining with the team into their 20s and this was causing distress and complaints from families, who were unsure of plans. A review of CWDT was undertaken, with a plan to split the team into a statutory social work team and a resource team. Funding was obtained for this and recruitment for a team leader to manage the resource team and two additional support assistants. Recruitment has been very slow, but these posts have now been filled. In addition, a social worker has been identified to work in transitions and has developed very close link with the practitioner in Adult Services.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Over the past year, work has progressed greatly with transitions between the services being smoother. Communication has been deemed to be the area which required to be developed, to ensure both sides worked very closely together and ensured that the young person and their family was fully aware of all planning. There are regular meetings and discussions with the dedicated workers.
- 4.2 Adult Service had a well-established Resource Allocation Group which considered care packages and funding implications. Children Services have now developed a Resource Allocation Group to oversee packages and ensure that these are needs led

and fully assessed before a transition to Adult Services. This area has proven difficult to navigate but with well assessed planning and full communication, things are becoming smoother in transition. There has to be full disclosure to families and workers ensure that they are part of the journey. Finance also requires to be updated on the cost of packages and ensure transfer dates are clear. Girfec Allocation Resource Forum is a group which oversees many of the care packages within Children Services and requires to sign off on the final finance transfer to ensure the process has been fully completed.

- 4.3 As the transition policy is embedded there has been a marked reduction in complaints received from families who felt that the level of service did not meet the needs of their child. This is due to improved communication and ensuring that the family is part of the journey.
- 4.4 Planning for a young person begins at as early a stage as possible, and definitely by the age of 14, especially in more complex cases. Information is shared with Adult Services to ensure an awareness of need.
- 4.5 Guardianship cases which are assessed as not complex can transition at age of 16. However most young people remain with Children Services until they leave school.
- 4.6 To date transitions have taken place for all young people in their 20s, except 3, which are moving in the short term. Transitions have involved long term carers, core and cluster and complex packages of support.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 Transitions are an important part of the Learning Disability Strategy and Children Services planning.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 There are no financial implications within this report.

6.2 Human Resource Implications

- 6.2.1 There are no staffing implications within this report.

6.3 Legal Implications

- 6.3.1 There are no legal implications within this report.

6.4 Equalities implications

- 6.4.1 There are no equality implications arising from the content and recommendations of this report.

6.5 Sustainability implications

- 6.5.1 There are no sustainability implications arising from the content and recommendation of this report.

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

- 6.6.1 There is no need for a clinical professional assessment.

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 There is no need for any further consultation on this report or its contents and the recommendations are for the IJB to note this report and the ongoing work in transitions to date.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 There is no risk to the IJB/Committee/Group arising from the content and recommendations of the report.

8.2 There are no risks as this report is for noting and to appraise the IJB on the ongoing work in transitions.

8.3 In terms of the IJB Risk Management Strategy the level is low.

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See below appendix as separate document:

Appendix 1 – Young People in Transition Protocol 2022 - 2026

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report completed on 30/01/2024.