

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL
NEATH PORT TALBOT SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report of the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing
- Andrew Jarrett

Matter for Information

Wards Affected All Wards

**INFORMATION SHARING IN RESPECT OF THE TRANSITION
PROCESS BETWEEN CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current transition process from children to adult services. We will look at what works well and the areas of development and how we determine the most appropriate service for young people as they transition into adulthood. We will also outline the future plans that are currently being developed in respect of transition.

2. Background

The transition period, from children's to adult's services, usually 14-25 years, can involve a wide range of professionals working across a number of different agencies. This includes, social services, education and health. Ensuring a seamless transition from children's to adults' services has been a challenge but one that we are committed to working towards achieving. We work in a person centred strengths based way to support children, young people and young adults and their families/carers to achieve their personal outcomes. There is a Principal Officer in both children and adults services dedicated to transition. A review of transition commenced in 2020 and since this time work has been undertaken to strengthen the process. The report considers the current process that is in place and the future developments to ensure that there is a no wrong door approach.

3. Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

4. Integrated Impact assessment

There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment as this report is for information purposes only.

5. Valleys Communities Impact

There are no implications.

6. Workforce Impacts

There are minimal workforce impacts arising from this report; there have already been changes to the staffing to support transition.

7. Legal impacts

There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

8. Risk Assessment Impacts

There are no risk management requirements arising from this report.

9. Crime and Disorder Impacts

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have “due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and
- c) Re-offending the area”.

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

10. Counter Terrorism Impacts

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

11. Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to compliment and work alongside the impact on the above duty. VAWDA SV is included in the priorities of the Board under exploitation.

12. Consultation

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

13. Recommendations

Not applicable.

14. Reasons for Proposed Decision

Not applicable.

15. Implementation of Decision

No decision to be made; for information only.

16. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Transition Overview Report

17. Background Papers

None

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