

Children & Families and Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee's 25th October 2023

Preparing for Adulthood

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Legislative Framework

- **The Children and Families Act 2014** and **The Care Act 2014** provide the legislative framework for supporting young people with care and support needs 'Prepare for adulthood' and the context in which the 'Transition' to adult services occurs. Further guidance around transition planning is provided through **the SEN Code of Practice 2015** and **NICE guidelines** published 2016.
- The key overarching principles throughout to supporting a smooth transition for young people include;
 - Proactive and early identification of young people, their needs and future planning
 - Planning for adulthood should begin in year 9, through EHCP reviews where relevant and focus on the 4 Preparing for Adulthood Outcomes (which link with Care Act Eligible outcomes)
 - Children and adult services working in an integrated way with Jointly agreed protocols and pathways
 - No gap in the provision of necessary Social Care support
 - Transition planning should not be based on a rigid age threshold

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Joint Scrutiny Workshop – October 2020



Feedback from the workshop has supported the development of the SEND Strategy and 6 mission statements within Preparing for Adulthood

Key Principles of Transition Planning

- Key principles of transition planning and the Service Improvement Plan align well with the 4 priorities within the **ASC Strategy** in terms of ;
 - Prevent and early help
 - Right Support, right place, right time
 - A supported, skilled and flexible workforce
 - Future Focussed

- Key principles of transition planning and the Service Improvement Plan align well with the Key themes of the **SEND Strategy**;
 - Working together
 - Getting help as early as possible
 - Access to the right support and provision
 - Preparing for the future

SEND Strategy

Working Final:	So that you can live your best life and achieve your goals, we will evaluate the support and guidance available to you and develop it so that you can plan for adult life as early as possible. This includes if you need to transfer to adult services across health and social care.
Mission Owner:	Chloe Boobyer / Angela King
Mission Completion date:	Year 1

Working Final:	You will be supported to be as independent as you can be through work readiness and life skills programmes. We will work with supported employment groups and key partners to improve the employment opportunities available to you.
Mission Owner:	Julie Young
Mission Completion date:	Year 2

SEND Strategy

Working Final:	We will support you in your next steps whether you choose to continue your education, take up employment or training after you leave school.
Mission Owner:	Julie Young
Mission Completion date:	Year 1

Working Final:	You and your family will be able to get support to be as healthy as you can be. This will be supported by local partnerships including; education, health, care and the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise (VCFSE) sectors.
Mission Owner:	William Barnwell and Chloe Boobyer
Mission Completion date:	Year 2

SEND Strategy

Working Final:	We will have clear guidance about career options available from year 7. We will audit what's already available in schools, including where they already work with the local community. We will monitor effective careers delivery using 'Compass' a careers benchmark tool.
Mission Owner:	Julie Walker and Julie Young
Mission Completion date:	Year 2

Working Final:	As part of developing our housing strategies we will work with you to understand what you need to live as independently as possible, including in your own home, flat or shared living environment. Based on what you tell us, we will develop a refreshed and accessible housing offer in a location that is right for you.
Mission Owner:	Mark Leeman
Mission Completion date:	Year 2

ASC Strategy



Our strategy sets out how Somerset Council will work to deliver our vision in partnership with local people, communities and system partners, over the next three years, ensuring we deliver the right kind of care for our local communities, and the best possible outcomes within the resources available to us.

In Somerset, we want people to live healthy and independent lives, supported by thriving and connected communities, with timely and easy access to high quality and efficient support when they need it.

Our priorities:



Ambition:

To live in the place we call home, with the people and things we love, in communities where we look out for one another, doing what matters to us.

Our Vision:

'In Somerset, we want people to live healthy and independent lives, supported by thriving and connected communities, with timely and easy access to high quality and efficient support when they need it'.

Our Strategy sets out how we will work to deliver our vision in partnership to ensure we deliver the right kind of care and support for our communities, and the best possible outcomes within the resources available to us.

Preparing for Adulthood

Work with young people, their families and other involved services towards maximising their independence, drawing on young people's own aspirations for inclusion, education, employment and quality of life as part of 'preparing for adulthood' and effective transitional safeguarding.

My Life, My Future – ASC Transformation



- Reviewing, Updating and implementing the agreed pathways
- Developing Practice Guidance and joint working protocols
- Developing joint commissioning of services specifically looking at young people 16yrs+ to prevent the need for several moves within a short time frame along with more preventative community provision / models i.e. job coaching, internships and travel training
- The Plan is for this area of work to start end of Oct beginning of Nov

Collaborative Working

- **Countywide Preparing for Adulthood meetings** to ensure understanding and early identification of young people transitioning through to adult services.
- **Reinstating Locality Area forums** to build on the existing relationships across Children Services and Adult Services.
- **Senior leadership meeting** to work collaborative to unblock issues and celebrate success.
- **Extensive validation** work being undertaken to ensure appropriate young people open to Preparing For Adulthood Team.
- **Capacity of our Workforce** in both Adults & Childrens services ensuring early referral for children approaching transition age by Childrens services and early involvement & planning with Adults require dedicated practitioner time for these cases.
- **Navigating and reviewing our processes** we currently have complex processes that are not aligned between Adults and Childrens that create confusion for our workforce and can impact on timely referrals.
- Ensuring we have the right provision of services, pathways and relationships with partners all work alongside strong **strategic commissioning**
- **Co-Production** Re-starting Coffee mornings, information sessions for Parent and carers and linking in with parent carer events
- **System working** across the ICS to ensure effective working relationships, ensuring best support in place to achieve the best possible outcomes for individuals.

Time for Questions



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