

SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL – SCOPING TEMPLATE

| REVIEW TOPIC | TRANSITIONS SERVICES |
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| LEAD SCRUTINY MEMBER | <i>A Deputy Commissioner to be nominated to chair the Panel.</i> |
| OFFICER SUPPORT | <p>Officers from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People’s Services (Lead Officer) • Adults and Communities • Chief Executive’s (Democratic Services) • NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland • Clinical Commissioning Groups • Public Health |
| RATIONALE | <p>Transitions services are provided to young people with disabilities to support them as they become adults and responsibility for their support transfers from Children and Young People’s Service to Adults and Communities. There is a need to understand any risks associated with the transfer and ensure that vulnerable young people are safeguarded and that there is a seamless transfer of services.</p> |
| PURPOSE OF REVIEW /OBJECTIVES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To examine the arrangements for transitions services between children’s social care and adult social care services, including for those children subject to child protection or have emotional and behavioural difficulties and those children who have been assessed as eligible for 100% continuing health care funding if they are also known to the Children and Young People’s Service. 2. To consider the arrangements that are in place to ensure all young people who are eligible receive transitions services and the efficacy of such arrangements. 3. To consider how far the voice and views of the young person and carers is central to decisions about their support. 4. To review the support and advocacy arrangements that are available for service users and carers. 5. To assess the effectiveness of council policies and protocols, including person centred plans in facilitating the transitions process. 6. To assess the effectiveness of partnership working with health and other agencies in supporting young disabled people in their transition to adult services. |
| TIMESCALE | <p>January to April 2012.</p> <p>The final report to be submitted to both the Children and Young People’s Service and the Adults, Communities and Health Overview</p> |

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| | and Scrutiny Committees. |
| METHODOLOGY/ APPROACH | <p>This will be a full review.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To obtain information on the arrangements for transitions services for young people with disabilities and the context within which they are operated. 2. To seek the views of users, carers and advocates on the support and arrangements that are in place. 3. To obtain information on the funding and resources available from the local authority and partners. |
| OUTCOMES | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure the arrangements for transitions services for young disabled people are robust and appropriate. 2. To ensure that processes in place to ensure <u>all</u> young people who require transitions services are identified and receive services. 3. To ensure that support is available for service users and carers and the arrangements in place to ensure their voices are heard and are central to the decision making process. 4. To ensure the role and responsibilities of all partner agencies are clearly understood and that all partners are engaged in this service. |
| CONSULTATION/ COMMUNICATIONS | <p>Consultations to be undertaken with :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Users • Carers • Advocacy and support organisations • Schools (mainstream and SEN) • Health Services • Connexions • CAMHS |
| PUBLICITY | A press release will be issued when the final report is published as part of the papers of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. |
| RISKS AND BARRIERS | <p>There is a risk that the Panel could raise the expectations of service users and carers regarding improvements to transitions arrangements that may prove unrealistic given the current economic climate.</p> <p>There is a risk that the Panel may not adhere to timescale.</p> |

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