

Leaving Care Protocols for Young People with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To clarify the appropriate pathway and responsibilities for young people with LDD entitled to leaving care services within Slough Borough Council.

2 All young people with LDD who are entitled to leaving care services

- 2.1 The social worker from LDD Service to complete the young person's Pathway Plan at age 16, in line with Regulations, and identify whether the young person is an Eligible, Relevant, Former Relevant or Qualifying Young Person.
- 2.2 The Assistant Manager, LDD, to meet with the Assistant Manager, Leaving Care, to determine who is the most appropriate PA to be assigned to that young person. The PA could be assigned from either Service or other professionals from within the Directorate as appropriate.

3 For young people likely to close to LDD Service prior to their 18th birthday but entitled to leaving care services i.e. who do not meet criteria for an adult social care service

- 3.1 For those young people who are closing to LDD Service, do not meet adult social care criteria and have a PA outside the LDD Service the Assistant Manager, LDD, to complete a Transfer Notification form and send to the Assistant Manager, Leaving Care, for review at the weekly transfer meeting.
- 3.2 The Assistant Manager, Leaving Care, confirms acceptance of the young person and the Assistant Manager, LDD, completes case transfer on ICS.
- 3.3 The Leaving Care Team provides any necessary leaving care services.

4 For young people closing to LDD Service on their 18th birthday but transferring to CTPLD and entitled to leaving care services

- 4.1 From 16 years CTPLD assess to confirm case transfer and undertake joint working with LDD Service until the young person's 18th birthday. In future an indicative budget may be available from age 16/17 to assist with future planning in to adulthood.
- 4.2 Two months prior to the young person's 18th birthday the Assistant Manager, LDD, completes a Transfer Notification form and sends to Assistant Manager, Leaving Care, for review at weekly transfer meeting if the identified PA is outside the LDD Service.
- 4.3 The Assistant Manager, Leaving Care, confirms acceptance of the young person and Assistant Manager, LDD, completes case transfer on ICS.

4.4 The Leaving Care Team provides the oversight and keeps in touch with the young person/family whilst the provision of services is through CTPLD from the 18th birthday.

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