

## Review Title

**The transition from care to independence for 'looked after children'**

## Chairman

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## Start date

October 2010

## Completion date

## Reason for review

To examine how young people leaving care are supported during their transition to independence.

## Objectives

To develop evidence based recommendations that will improve outcomes for care leavers that ensure young people are prepared practically and emotionally for living independently

## Risks and issues

### Issues

The issues the review will consider:

- Key adult outcomes
- Education and employment
- Accommodation
- Health and emotional support
- Practical skills preparation for independence
- Ongoing support available
- Care leavers who are parents

### Risks

## Background information

The review will commence with a briefing by departmental officers allowing general background information to be shared with the working group.



Theme	<p>This falls within the Community Strategy Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A place where Nottinghamshire's children achieve their full potential</b> – this includes education, safety, health use of sports leisure and arts facilities and economics issues relating to children and young people</li> <li>• <b>Health and Wellbeing for all</b> – including a range of health indicators.</li> </ul>	
Possible/suggested Witnesses	<p>Departmental Officers: Children and Young People Welfare Rights Supporting People Team</p>	<p>Care Leavers Connexions District Council Housing Department NHS Nottinghamshire County Foster Carers</p>
Proposed visits		
Public Involvement		
Communications	<p>Press release to inform the public issued at the start of the review summarising the reasons for the review, possible witnesses and expected date for conclusion. A further press release highlighting key findings and recommendations will be made available when the review concludes.</p>	
Equalities issues	<p>Equality issues will be considered during the evidence gathering process for the review and when making recommendations for the review.</p>	
Service Director comments		
Additional comments		

# Scoping Scrutiny Reviews

## 1. Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The County Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) manage the programme of scrutiny work, identifying and prioritising issues for review.

## 2. Chair and vice-chair

The chair and vice-chair will meet with the lead officer to the review and other identified officers to draft a scope for the review using the scoping document template. This process provides the standing committee with an initial outline of the review and will include suggested witnesses and evidence.

## 3. Service departments

If the review includes consideration of County Council services then the draft scope will be sent to the service directors responsible for those services so that they are aware that the review is taking place. The service director will be invited to comment on the proposed scope of the review. In any review Members will want to ensure that the provision of services is fair. To enable the review to determine this, service directors will be asked to provide all relevant equality impact assessments (EqIA) which will be listed on the scope. If no EqIAs are available this will also be recorded on the scope.

The draft scope will be shared with the Corporate Communications Team to look at how the review will be communicated with the public.

## 4. Standing Committee

At the first meeting of the review the standing committee Members will usually be provided with an introduction to issue the draft scope and also a copy of all relevant service diversity reviews. Where no SDRs are available the standing committee should consider whether any SDRs should be completed and provided as part of the review.