

Health & Wellbeing Scoping Document

Review Title	The transition from care to independence for 'looked after children'	
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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	<p>Issues</p> <p>The issues the review will consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is the current aftercare provision • does it meet the needs of young people • what are the key adult outcomes • services for care leavers who are parents • education and employment • accommodation • homeless and vulnerable 16 – 17 year olds • health and emotional support, links with adult care services, care leavers with disabilities • practical skills preparation for independence <p>Risks</p> <p>The review will examine issues concerning young people receiving aftercare services, and only consider matters relating to looked after children in so far as they affect the transition to aftercare services.</p>	

Background information	The review commenced with a briefing by departmental officers which enabled 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"> • A place where Nottinghamshire's children achieve their full potential – this includes education, safety, health, use of sports, leisure and arts facilities and economics issues relating to children and young people • Health and Wellbeing for all – including a range of health indicators. 	
Possible/suggested Witnesses	Departmental Officers: Children and Young People Supporting People Team	Care Leavers Connexions District Council Housing Department NHS Nottinghamshire County Foster Carers
Proposed visits	Visits will be arranged, if considered relevant, as the review progresses.	
Public Involvement	Care leavers	
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.</p> <p>A further press release highlighting key findings and recommendations will be made available when the review concludes.</p>	
Equalities issues	Equality issues will be considered during the evidence gathering process for the review and when making recommendations for the review.	
Service Director comments		
Additional comments		