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| Improving outcomes for cyp with disabilities transitions update | |

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Children’s Trust Board on the progress of the **Transitions Workstream** as part of the ‘Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People with Disabilities Project’.

Information and Advice

1. The “Improving Outcomes for CYP with Disabilities” project aims to establish an Integrated Disability Service for CYP with a Disability (age 0-25 years) that is high quality and value for money.
2. The project is working across Social Care (Adults and Children’s), Education and Health. Link to paper
3. The project is divided into many different but interconnecting Workstreams including



**Rationale for Transitions Workstream**

1. **Transition** is the term that can be applied to all young people, at the stage in their lives when they are on the journey from adolescence into adulthood.
2. **“**Transition to adulthood should be one of the most exciting times for any young person as they leave school, consider going on to further education, employment or training and maybe leaving home. Disabled young people hope for the same things as other youngpeople, they want a voice, a leisure and social life, and to be involved as active, valued citizens” (Improving Life Chances of Disabled People 2005).
3. However, this can also be one of the most anxious, challenging and vulnerable times for young people with a disability and for their families, especially if there is a need for and reliance on significant support from Education, Health and/or Social Care services.
4. Young people with a disability often rely on a range of services and treatments, which can get complicated as they move from Children’s to Adult Services. These challenges are compounded by moves from one service to another at different ages and because there is often no direct Children’s service equivalent in Adult services.
5. Young people and their families have told us they are unsure about what to expect, what help may be available to them and where to get this help. They are also uncertain about the roles of all the different agencies and the support that they can receive.
6. If this stage in a young person’s life is not handled well it can have a negative impact on young person and their families, as well as putting an extra strain on local authority and public sector services and budgets.
7. The two pieces of legislation that have the greatest influence on support for disabled young people during transitions are:-

**Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014**

* The Children and Families Act focuses on Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).
* It sets an important new legal framework of support creating a new birth to 25 years Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC).
* Section 25 of the Children and Families Act 2014 places a duty on local authorities that should ensure integration between educational provision and health and social care provision.

**Part 1 of the Care Act 2014**

* The Care Act reforms how the law works, prioritising individual wellbeing for adults with care and support needs over the age of 18.
* With a particular focus on person-centred practice and outcomes, putting people in control of their care and support.
* It also gives local authorities a legal responsibility to cooperate, and to ensure that all the correct people work together to get transitions right.

**Background**

1. Across the UK transition planning is often characterised by poor liaison between different agencies and professionals, a failure to involve young people and a failure to cover the issues of most importance to them and their families.
2. .A successful transition to adult care and support, needs the young person, their families and professionals to work together.
3. The multi-agency Transitions Working Group created in May 2015, and includes representatives from

* Paul Johnson, (**Workstream Lead)** Adult Social Care, Health and Public Protection (ASCHPP). NCC
* Ian Masson ASCHPP.NCC
* Nicola Hodson, Designated Clinical Officer, Health
* Naomi Sills, Transitions Team ASCHPP.NCC
* Glyn Connolly, Children’s Disability Service. NCC.
* Sarah Mackintosh, Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) Commissioning Team. Children’s. NCC
* Louise Benson, SEND Assessment Team. Children’s NCC.
* Fiona Simpson, Programme and Projects Team
* Amy Gittins, Programme and Projects Team

Supported by

* Our Parent Reference Group including VCS Representation
* Chris Humphries. Head Teacher
* Louise Payne. Transitions Nurse
* Catherine O Byrne Health
* Young Pioneers

1. Collectively we have created a new vision for CYP with disabilities

**“In Nottinghamshire we want you to have a good start in life.**

**We want to understand your hopes and dreams for your life, work and relationships.**

**We want to help you find the right support to help you achieve them”**

1. The project created a current position statement report which focused on the current transitions arrangements of services for CYP who access the Children’s Disability Service (CDS), SEND policy and provision, Transitions Team Service and Health Disability Services.
2. This identified several key areas:-

* Young people not accessing Children’s Services who may need Adult Services
* Young people without an EHC Plan
* Young people Leaving Care
* Young people with Autism who don’t meet the Transitions Criteria
* Post 16 Educational Packages – increased demand for social care
* Data accessibility and Sharing
* Exploring opportunities for aligning Budgets
* Updating the Local Offer – post 16
* Young people with Emotional/Mental Health issues
* Young people in the Youth Justice System
* Developing a Nottinghamshire Transitions Protocol and Pathway
* Jobs/employment opportunities for young people
* Co- production (Better engagement and participation of parents and young people in developing and reviewing services).
* Exploring opportunities for Joint Commissioning

1. Following a joint Adult and Children’s Workshop three priority areas were identified

* Developing a Nottinghamshire Transitions Protocol and Pathway
* Data accessibility and sharing
* Joint Commissioning

1. **Development of a Transitions Protocol and Pathway in order to:**

* Provide clarity around the Transitions process for disabled young people and supporting their families in Nottinghamshire.
* Ensure that feedback from disabled young people and their families is at the centre of service improvement.
* Gain the commitment and ownership of all key partners, embed in practise
* Draft Protocol (which has been developed with colleagues across Children’s, Adults, Education, Health, Parents and Young People)
* We have plans to co-produce an interactive website and a pictorial version of the pathway withy young people themselves.
* Final draft will go to the Improving Outcomes Steering Group in February 2016, CYP’s Committee and Adults Committee in March/April 2016.

1. **Data accessibility and sharing**

Without relevant, consistent and retrievable data, it is impossible for us to understand and articulate the characteristics of current and future needs for our services. We have been focusing on:-

* Creating integrated databases that are compatible and can communicate with one another is seen as the means to overcome many of these difficulties and improve the data on disabled children and young people and young people.
* We are working towards getting all of the Children’s Disability Teams and the SEND Teams recording on Frameworki instead of on two different systems Frameworki and Capita.
* Bid submitted to Local Government Association in December for funding (25k) to appoint a Children’s Digital Champion to support this work. This will be a project management role to work with partners and develop data recording and reporting functions to facilitate information sharing.
* Work is underway with service representatives to design and develop a reporting system.

1. Joint Commissioning – being investigated as part of the ‘Commissioning Workstream of the project’.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. The Children’s Trust Board notes the content of this report.
2. The Protocol and Pathway will come back to the Board in May 2016

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