

## Appendix B

### Thurrock Council Multi-Agency Transition Strategy group (MATSG) Terms of Reference (TOR)

#### 1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 It is proposed to develop of a Multi Agency Transition Strategy Group (MATSG) in Thurrock Council to oversee and ensure a cross authority and cross agency approach to the delivery of transition services for disabled young people aged 14 – 25 years.
- 1.2 These terms of reference (TOR) provide the framework and structure within which their co-ordination, monitoring and development can be supported and scrutinised.
- 1.3 The existing work strands, including the work of the parent/carers and young people will be subsumed into the work of this new strategic group.
- 1.5 It is proposed that this transition strategy group reports to the proposed overarching JSDSG.

#### 2. **Background**

- 2.1 The changing national and local drivers, together with emerging transition requirements of the 14 – 25 year agenda to meet the needs of young people with additional needs, places responsibility for all agencies, to work together to deliver a coordinated range of services to support each young person into adulthood.
- 2.3 The emerging requirements of the Special Education Needs and Disability Green paper 2011 – Support and Aspiration: A new approach to special education needs and disability requires Local Authorities to ensure young people have:
  - Access to better quality vocational and work-related learning options to enable young people to progress in their learning post-16.
  - Good opportunities and support in order to get and keep a job.
  - A well-coordinated transition from children’s to adult health services.
  - The feasibility of annual health checks from GPs for all disabled young people from the age of 16.

### **3. Purpose**

- 3.1 To prepare a strategic plan which identifies how transition services will be delivered across all agencies in Thurrock Council.
- 3.2 To ensure that the plan:
- improves the transition of disabled young people into employment, training and independent living, wherever possible
  - takes into account the emerging personalisation agenda
- 3.3 To ensure that all agencies contribute resources and support the preparation, implementation, monitoring and review of the plan.
- 3.4 To analyse information, data and feedback, in order to make recommendations to the Children's Trust Partnership Board and Health and Well Being Board.
- 3.5 To ensure the strategic plan is underpinned by the following principles:
- Decision making takes into account the statutory obligations of each agency.
  - Young people's needs are met within Thurrock, wherever possible.
  - Parents/carers and young people's views are fully represented.
  - Streamlined /integrated assessments.
  - Ambitions for adulthood.
  - Range of choice related to training, employment, leisure and travel opportunities.
  - Appropriate support.
  - Ensuring personal safety.

### **4. Scope**

- 4.1 The MATSG will oversee and provide direction to a small working group who will:
- Assess the effectiveness and coordination of the current transition arrangements across all agencies.
  - Analyse statistical and financial information of young people aged 14 – 25 years who are receiving social care services from Children's and Adult Education, Health and Social Care Services including out of authority placements.
  - Analyse statistical and financial information of young people receiving health and education services, including out of authority.
  - Produce report and proposals for the development of a Multi –Agency Strategic Plan by March 2013.

4.2 The MATSG will offer timely and effective support to resolve areas of difficulty.

## **5. Suggested Membership**

**Chair:** Les Billingham, Head of Adult Services, Adult Social Care

**Education:** TBA

**Children's Social Care:** Assistant Director

**Health:** Assistant Director, Children's Commissioning or nominated officers  
CAMHS  
Adult Health officers

**Housing:** TBA

**Thurrock Council Further Education Colleges:** TBA

**Employment Services:** TBA

**Young People/Parent/Carers:** Existing Thurrock Networks

### **Administration Process**

Timely, high quality administrative processes will be required.