



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)

Date: 22nd September 2010

Subject: Recommendation Tracking – Transitional Arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Members introduced a formal recommendation tracking system in December 2006. Each Scrutiny Board receives a report, timed to coincide with the presentation of performance information or based on defined target dates, on the progress made in implementing the Board's recommendations.
- 1.2 This tracking system allows the Board to monitor progress and identify completed recommendations; those progressing to plan; and those where there is either an obstacle or progress is not adequate. The Board will then be able to take further action as appropriate.
- 1.3 A standard set of criteria has been produced to enable the Board to assess progress. These are presented in the form of a flow chart at Appendix 1. The questions in the flow chart should help to decide whether a recommendation has been completed, and if not whether further action is required.
- 1.4 The Scrutiny Inquiry Report, Transitional arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care was published on the 11th May 2010 and the response from the Directors of Adult Social Services and Children's Services was presented to the Executive Board on the 21st July. The Executive Board approved the response to the recommendations.

- 1.5 To assist Members with this task, the Principal Scrutiny Adviser has given a draft status for each recommendation. The Board is asked to confirm whether these assessments are appropriate, and to change them where they are not.
- 1.6 This report shows progress against outstanding recommendations arising from the inquiry.

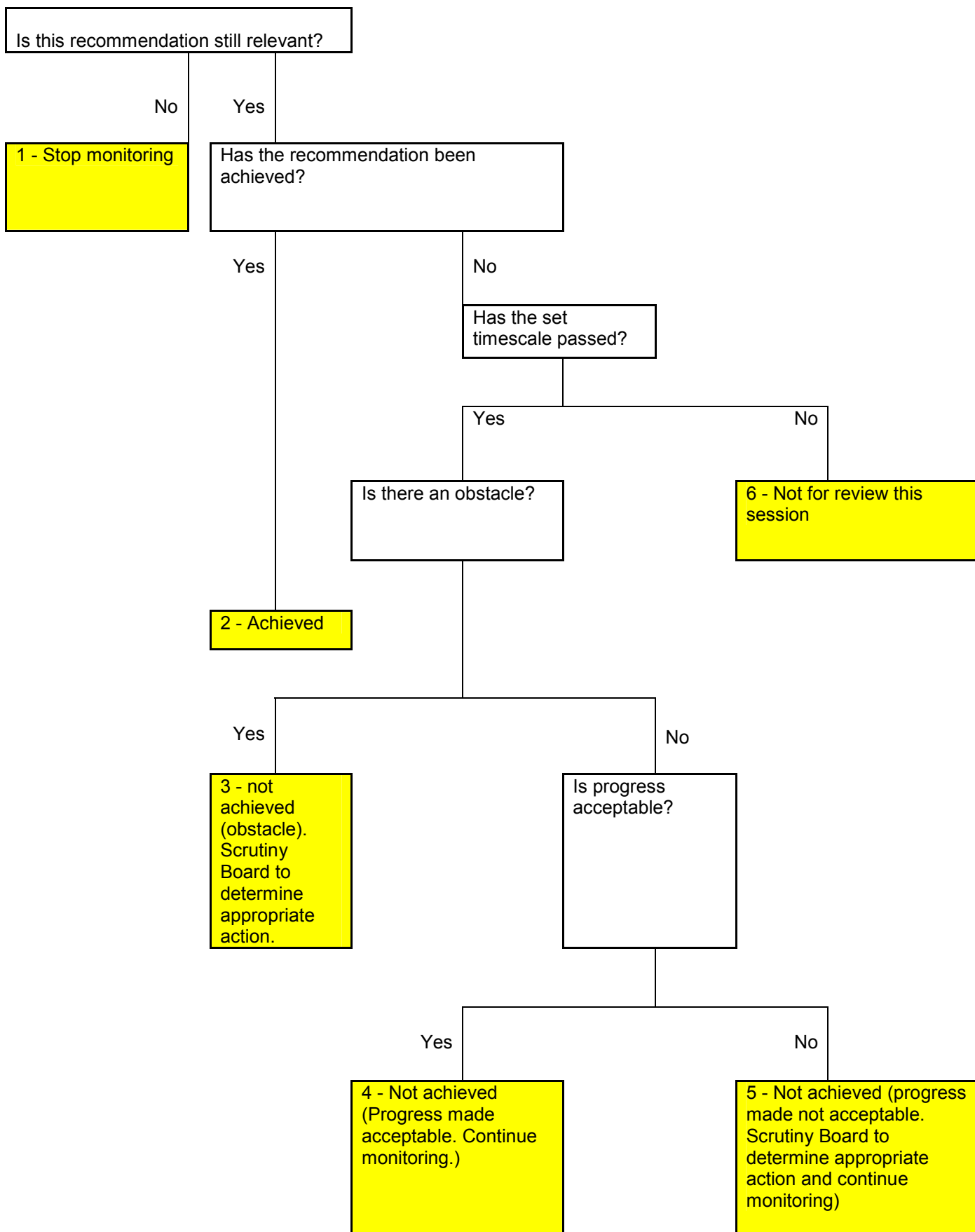
2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- Agree those recommendations which no longer require monitoring;
 - Identify any recommendations where progress is unsatisfactory and determine the action the Board wishes to take as a result.

Background Papers

None.

Recommendation tracking flowchart and classifications:
Questions to be Considered by Scrutiny Boards



Recommendation Tracking – Progress Report (September 2010)**Categories**

- 1 - Stop monitoring
- 2 - Achieved
- 3 - Not achieved (Obstacle)
- 4 - Not achieved (Progress made acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 5 - Not achieved (Progress made not acceptable. Continue monitoring)
- 6 - Not for review this session

Inquiry into Transitional arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care

Recommendation for monitoring	Evidence of progress and contextual information	Status (categories 1 – 6) (to be completed by Scrutiny)	Complete
<p>Recommendation 1 – That the Directors of Adult Social Services and Children’s Services establish and publicise the provision of a Transitions Peer Support Group before the 31st March 2011.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed Workers in the transition team will ask young people and family members who have gone through the period of transition to join a peer support group which would then offer support to people entering into the transition process. A bid has been submitted to the National Transition Support Programme to enable us to develop peer support for service users and parent/carers to become experts by experience. This would focus on the development of person centered reviews. This would enable service users and parent/carers to offer advice and training sessions to other young people and their carers who are going through the transitions process. We believe this will help to</p>	6	

	<p>support people in a network to complement the work of professional workers.</p> <p>Progress: A Bid was made to the National Transition Support Team for £20k, to aid in developing the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Person Centred Planning as a tool to be used in year 9 transition reviews. • Develop a Transition Peer Support Group. • Research the demography of children and young people with mental health needs. <p>The Department received confirmation at the beginning of August that half the amount will be allocated i.e. £10k. This is due to the current financial climate and not the quality of the bid.</p> <p>Action: A decision is urgently needed as to which elements of the 3 projects can now be achieved by utilising the monies received. We will then need to identify where any remaining bid actions that can't be met, will be achieved.</p>		
<p>Recommendation 2 – That the Directors of Adult Social Services and Children’s Services before July 2010, investigate additional methods of promoting the Transitions Service to raise the awareness of those young people and families may benefit from the service.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed</p> <p>Scrutiny Board suggested that the Council website, DVD or multi-agency information packs be produced. We have published three leaflets – general information, easy read general information and a transitions team leaflet for professional workers to ensure a range of people have access to the information. We have also developed Transitions pages on the Family Hub and also on the Council Website. The Transitions Team has also submitted information on the transitions process to be included in adult service publications. A formal launch of the new transitions service is being planned for early Autumn. This will include Children and Adult Social Care, partner agencies, service users and parent/carers. We will pursue the idea of a DVD in the coming months.</p>	<p>4</p>	

	<p>Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition pages on the family hub - are now up and running. • Information on the Transition Team and process has and are due to appear in children and adults publications. • Multi agency training days have and are being planned re. involvement in year 9 reviews. • Transition Team launch planned for 5th October. • 3 leaflets explaining the Transition Team and transition process have been produced. 		
<p>Recommendation 3 – That the Director of Adult Social Services establishes a Transitions Service Action Plan before July 2010, to enable progress against key development objectives to be monitored.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed</p> <p>The transitions services is newly formed and has a number of targets to meet over the next 12 to 18 months; amongst these are the development of partnership working, becoming more involved in the regional work around transition planning and the need to deliver a robust induction programme for new staff in both Children’s and Adults Services. As such an action plan which determines key objectives for achievement and target dates against which progress can be monitored will be helpful in moving the service forward.</p> <p>Progress: The existing action plan as detailed in the Transitions Project plan has now largely been achieved. Attendance at the Regional Transitions group is established. The Transitions Team transferred to adult services on 1st April 2010. A new office base was identified at Pudsey Town hall and the team moved in on 2nd July 10. The operational policy of the team is up and running including the development of a Transitions panel which meets monthly.</p> <p>Following closedown of the project the Transition Board has changed into a multi agency Operation Group. The first meeting of this group will be on 8th September 2010. It will be the function of the multi agency group to develop an action plan which will outline the key objectives and targets for the team and to monitor the progress in the achievement of these.</p>	4	

<p>Recommendation 4 – That the Director of Adult Social Services introduces a mechanism for measuring, monitoring and reporting the performance of Transitional Services in Leeds before July 2010.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed As the team was only established in its current format in April 2010 and is still at an embryonic stage, reporting will be at a localised level to ensure that progress is being made in accordance with the above Action plan. The regional forum for transitions has not yet published any performance information or targets for transitions services for us to benchmark ourselves against; we will continue to be involved in the forum in order to be part of this information at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Progress: As above. It will be the function of the Transitions Operations Group to set key objectives and targets and to monitor the progress in achieving these.</p> <p>Attendance at the Regional Transition Forum is ongoing. This will ensure that any nationally set performance targets are incorporated into the Operations Group and hence the key objectives of the team. The Operations Group will also monitor the success in achieving these.</p>	<p>4</p>	
<p>Recommendation 5 – That the Director of Adult Social Services reviews the Draft Transitions Procedure before July 2010 to adequately reflect Safeguarding, Risk Managements and Mental Capacity requirements for young people in transition.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed This action has been completed and the procedure has a revised and strengthened section on Safeguarding and implications of the Mental Capacity Act.</p> <p>Progress: Completed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Stop Monitoring on receipt of revised Transitions Procedure</p>
<p>Recommendation 6 – That the Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care identifies an Elected Member to undertake the role of Transitions Champion before August 2010.</p>	<p>This recommendation was agreed This recommendation is accepted and the Director of Adult Social Services will work with the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to ask her to nominate an Elected Member to take on this role.</p> <p>Progress: Completed</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Stop Monitoring when further details regarding the Transitions Champion is provided.</p>