

Transitions Briefing

Summary of the Transitions Workshop, Monday 10th Feb 2025

Introduction

This briefing provides a summary of the multi-agency Transitions Workshop, which took place February 2025. The document aims to outline the agencies that attended, the topics covered during the event, and the key recommendations that emerged. This event was a collaborative effort between the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) and the Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB).

Attending Agencies

The event was over-subscribed, highlighting that agencies across the system acknowledge and recognise transitions not only as an important priority, but as an area requiring partnership working and collaboration. Agencies in attendance included:

- Sunderland City Council Adult's Services
- Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB)
- Sunderland Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP)
- North Nast and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENICB)
- Northumbria Police
- Together for Children Early Help
- Together For Children Social Care
- Together for Children Targeted Youth Services
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
- Gentoo Group (Housing)
- University of Sunderland
- Change Grow Live
- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Trust (CNTW)
- Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust (HDFT)
- Probation Service Unit Sunderland
- Sunderland Care and Support
- Sunderland GP Alliance
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- Voiceability Charity
- Violence Reduction Unit

Topics Covered

The workshop covered several important areas related to transitions, including:

- Transitional safeguarding: Youth Offending to Probation ‘Leave a legacy not a gap’. Presented by Emma Dixon, Youth Offending Service
- Streetwise Adolescent or Vulnerable Adult? A discussion based on a recent learning review, presented by Marianne Huison, SSCP Independent Scrutineer
- Update on current Transition arrangements. Presented by Mark Nolan, Adult Social Care & Nicole Burn, Children’s Social Care
- Example of Good Practice. Presented by Dania Carter, Children’s Social Care

Key Recommendations

Drawing on the learning from the event and the shared expertise and experience in the room, the event concluded with multi-agency discussions which led to several recommendations aimed at enhancing the transition process:

- Ensure all agencies relevant to transitions are connected, with opportunities for joint discussion and planning. Implementing a standardised protocol for tracking and supporting individuals during transitions
- Development of a more flexible approach enabling needs led case management
- Development of a Transitions process/protocol with shared language and clear opportunities for info sharing
- Assurance that transition starts at the earliest opportunity, especially for people with complexities or vulnerabilities
- SSAB and SSCP to work together to develop a 7-point briefing focused on transitional safeguarding
- SSAB and SSCP to work together to identify multi-agency training and learning opportunities on transitional safeguarding

Conclusion

The transitions event was a valuable opportunity for agencies from both Children’s safeguarding and Adults Safeguarding, to come together, share insights, and develop actionable recommendations. The collaboration between SSCP and SSAB ensured a holistic approach to addressing transitions, and the implementation of these recommendations is expected to significantly improve the transition process and outcomes for individuals across Sunderland.



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