

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care**
Date: **25 November 2005**
By: **Director of Adult Social Care**
Title of report: **The planning for and support to clients, parents and carers during 'Transition'**
Purpose of report: **To inform the Scrutiny Committee of the policy framework and protocols that are in place to support young people in transition between Children's and Adults' Services**

RECOMMENDATION - to note the arrangements of the East Sussex Joint Agency Transition Policy and Protocol for Disabled Young People

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The East Sussex County Council Transition Policy and Protocol relates to children and young people between the ages of 13 and 25 who reside in East Sussex and have a disability. The Policy is underpinned by the Children Act 1989, Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation) Act 1986, NHS and Community Care Act 1990 and other legislation relating to the care, education and rights of young people.

2.2 The policy & protocol also follows the Government's policy as outlined in the White Paper 'Valuing People' which describes a requirement for local authorities to develop services for vulnerable people in their own community and restrict the use of nursing or residential homes. Services are expected to promote independence and choice and improve access to housing, education and leisure activities.

2.3 At the age of 18 all people are legally regarded as being adult, regardless of disability. When planning a young person's transition a multi agency, person centred approach is utilised.

2.4 The attached protocol (Appendix 1) sets out the collaborative working arrangements between the Adult Social Care Department and Children's Services Department. These arrangements have been in place since 2003 and continue to be implemented and monitored by officers across the Service Division.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee are recommended to note that the Adult Social Care Department and Children's Services continue to implement the East Sussex Joint Agency Transition Policy and Protocol for Disabled Young People in order to support young people in transition between Children's and Adults' Services.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

East Sussex Joint Agency Transition Policy & Protocol for Disabled Young People