**POLICY FOR PATHWAY PLANS AND THE ROLE OF THE**

**PERSONAL ADVISOR FOR CHILDREN IN CARE OPEN TO**

**THE DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS**

 **TEAM 0-25 YEARS**

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**Pathway Plans**

All Children in Care who have reached the age of 16 years and 3 months MUST have a Pathway Plan in place by this time. This includes those young people who are Children in Care who are active to the Disabled Children and Young Adults 0 – 25 team.

**Personal Advisors**

All Children in Care will be allocated a Personal Advisor at 15 years and 6 months old regardless of a young person’s level of disability or need. The Personal Advisor will discuss with the young person directly, or their advocate if the young person has communication difficulties, to determine the level of involvement they will have with the young person up until their 18th birthday. Thereafter, between the ages of 18 to 21 years, the frequency of contact between the young person and the Personal Advisor will be at least 8 weekly, and after the age of 21 years this will be determined by the young person until they turn 25 years of age.

The Social Worker must manually trigger the Pathway Plan at age 15 years and 9 months via Liquid Logic. The Pathway Plan will replace the LAC Care Plan.

The Pathway Plan must be reviewed every 6 months via the Pathway review process which replaces the LAC review process, unless there has been a significant change to the young person’s circumstances, in which case it must be updated to reflect the current situation.

The Pathway Plan must be updated until the young person reaches the age of 18 years and this will remain the responsibility of the Social Worker. Thereafter, the updating of the Pathway Plan will be the responsibility of the Personal Advisor.

The adult care and support needs assessment plan will remain the responsibility of the young person’s Social Worker.

When the young person reaches the age of 16 years and 3 months the Pathway Plan must be complete.

It is the Social Worker’s responsibility to develop the Pathway Plan.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE LIQUID LOGIC PATHWAY PLAN GUIDANCE. THIS GUIDANCE LEADS THE PRACTITIONER THROUGH THE PATHWAY ON LIQUID LOGIC FOR INITIATING AND REVIEWING PATHWAY PLANS.**