

Social Worker and Personal Adviser Joint Working Model for Children in Care aged 16 and 17 Years old.

Social Worker

Social Work Responsibilities

- Lead Professional & key decision maker
- CiC Statutory Visits
- Statutory Reviews
- Health Assessments
- Dental Checks
- Eye Checks
- SDQ's
- PEP's
- Education
- Assessments
- Pathway Plans
- Safety Plans / Risk Assessments
- Safeguarding
- Accommodation until age 18
- Stability / Disruption Meetings
- Panels (16+, MSM, etc.)
- Weekly Allowances / Finances up to 18
- Family Relationships
- Emotional & Behavioral
- Strategy Discussions
- Referrals to Adult Services
- ID in place (Passport)

Young Person's Needs Assessment

Pathway Plan co-produced in partnership with young person

At point of allocation of a PA a meeting should be held to plan and agree joint work and the young person will be invited, a further meeting should be held 4 weeks before YP's 18th Birthday to check all is in place ready for the transition from Care.

Successful transition to adulthood

Personal Adviser

Supportive Role of PA

- Participate in the assessment and production of the Pathway Plan
- Joint & individual visits
- Help Build Connections & Relationships
- Advice & Guidance to SW on post 18 options
- Attend CiC reviews
- Attendance at panels (16+, MSM, etc.)
- Independent Living Skills – including access to courses
- Education, Training or Employment & Career Choices
- Accommodation Option planning for Post 18.
- Sharing Local Offer and understanding of Post 18 support
- Informing Young People of Participation Groups & opportunities

Team managers from Children in Care and Care Leavers teams will work together to ensure smooth joint working. Personal Advisers role is to focus on building a relationship and supporting a positive transition for young people leaving care.

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