

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Accountability Committee

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Subject: Preparation for Adulthood in H&F

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SUMMARY

This report and presentation (Appendix 1) provide a summary of the progress made across Children's Services and Adult Social Care in supporting children and young people as they reach adulthood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Accountability Committee notes the contents of this report.

Wards Affected: All

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Corporate Plan and the H&F Values
Building shared prosperity	Ensuring a person-centred approach that delivers the right level of support to meet presenting needs of children, young people and their families – and in so doing provide them with the best opportunities to thrive.
Creating a compassionate and inclusive council	Listening and responding to feedback from professionals, young people, parents, carers, education settings and wider partners regarding what is working well, and areas for development.

Doing things with local residents, not to them	Contributions from key stakeholders including parents, carers and young people and co-design.
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	The SEND strategy supports local partners to meet the needs of children and young people in H&F and increase the confidence of parents and carers.
Taking pride in H&F	Support H&F to be the best place to grow up, live and work. The high-quality services for children and young people with SEND enable them to lead happy, healthy, and fulfilling lives and achieve their life goals.
Rising to the challenge of the climate and ecological emergency	There are no anticipated climate and ecological implications as a result of the publication of these documents.

Background Papers Used in Preparing This Report

None

CONTEXT

1. Local authorities have a statutory duty across Education, Health and Children's and Adult Social Care to prepare young people for adulthood, commencing from the age of 14 and up to 25. The legislation is intended to provide young people with a seamless transition to adulthood, including those in need of ongoing care and support from Adult Social Care and Health.
2. The H&F Local Area SEND Strategy, which was coproduced with children, young people and their families, identified preparation for adulthood as a key priority. The partnership committed to:
 - Strengthen the young person's voice in their own transition planning.
 - Implement the new 16-25 young people's mental health service.
 - Develop a local area protocol and approach for managing transitions
 - Develop robust processes for joint planning
 - Produce a local area PFA pathways document for professionals, parents and young people to ensure routes are clear and defined across Education, Health and Care
 - Develop a local area PFA toolkit to support a shared understanding of pathways and agency/collective responsibilities in delivering robust PFA outcomes for children and young people

- Expand inclusive employment locally.
3. The presentation provides a summary of the work undertaken across the partnership in delivering against the priorities identified, and the improvements made to support young people in H&F to reach their full potential.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Preparation for Adulthood in Hammersmith and Fulham