

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ADULT CARE AND HEALTH  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2003 at 10.00 A.M.**

Agenda Item  
No.

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**TRANSITION FROM CHILDREN'S SERVICES TO ADULT SERVICES**

Joint report of the Director of Adult Care Services and the Director of Children, Schools and Families

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**1. Purpose of report**

This item was requested by the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee for scrutiny by the Committee.

The purpose of the report is to scrutinise the arrangements and effectiveness of transition from Children's Services to Adult Services, especially for young people with learning disabilities

Members of Children, Schools and Families Scrutiny Committee have been invited to attend for this item.

**2. Summary**

The attached report has been prepared in a different style from usual using language and methods which will enable a more effective dialogue between County Councillors and young people with disabilities.

Service users, family carers and professional staff who are attending the Scrutiny Committee will report on the difficulties with the present arrangements for Transition, which have become increasingly apparent. The attached report points the way to some of the solutions, clarifies responsibilities and introduces the newly completed multi agency protocol. This is a complex area of work which historically has not received appropriate professional attention in every case. It is an area of confused understanding for many professional workers, and there is great variety in the planning and the actions currently undertaken. Families tell us that this period is characterised by high levels of anxiety. There has been no recent body of advice which sets out the steps in the process. The Transition Protocol will fulfil these requirements.

This Protocol formalises arrangements most of which already operate in some places but are not regularly or reliably happening all over the county.

Officers would welcome feedback on the effectiveness of this style of presentation for matters involving people with learning disabilities.

**3 Conclusion**

The Committee is invited to consider what further scrutiny of this issue should be undertaken.

**4 Background**

See attached paper.

**5 Financial Implications**

None

**6 Rural Implications**

None

Background papers

The Multi-Agency transition Protocol for Disable Young people.