

Appendix 1



OUTCOMES OF PATHWAY INITIAL ASSESSMENT - CONVERSION TO CONTINUING CARE PLACEMENT & REVIEW

At least three months prior to a young person's 15th birthday, but preferably before, a Looked After Child Review (LACR) will trigger a request for a Pathway – Initial Assessment to take place. This assessment will be carried out by either the young person's currently allocated Social Worker, or after discussion with the young person, a social worker from the Placement Services Team (through care) and fully involve the young person, their family and all others who are supporting the young person (the team around the young person).

The Pathway – Initial Assessment will be completed in time for the next LACR and one of four possible outcomes will be agreed. These are:

1. YP would like the opportunity to stay within their current placement for a continued period of time and this may extend until they are 21: the young person wishes this to start at the age of 18.
2. YP would like the opportunity to stay within their current placement for a continued period of time and this may extend until they are 21: the young person wishes this to start at the age of 16 (note: YPs subject to a PO cannot enter continuing care until they are 18).
3. YP would plan to leave their placement by their 18th birthday – and does not wish continuing care prior to this.
4. YP would plan to leave their placement on or just after their 16th birthday.

Outcome 1 - stay within their current placement for a continued period of time and this may extend until they are 21 and wishes this to start at age 18.

If YP in a local authority foster-care placement or residential placement, actions to be taken are:

1. Foster-carer or residential placement to confirm that they are, in principle, available for the YP's continuing care placement. If they are not then the team to work with the young person on what are appropriate next steps.
2. Conversion of foster-carer to a continuing care provider to be progressed before YP's 18th birthday if they are not already approved as a continuing care provider.
3. Confirmation of approval of residential house to be a continuing care placement, if necessary.
4. If continuing care placement available, in principle, then actions require added to Child's Plan to enable review of progress.
5. Full Pathway Assessment (which incorporates the Welfare Assessment) to be undertaken by YP's 17th birthday (allocated to a Throughcare/Aftercare Worker)

6. YP Planning Meetings to continue.
7. 6 Monthly LAC reviews to monitor Child's Plan, while the young person remains looked after.

If YP is in an independent foster-care placement or residential placement, actions to be taken are:

1. Foster-carer or residential placement to confirm that they are, in principle, available for the YP's continuing care placement. If they are not then the team to work with the young person on what are appropriate next steps.
2. Conversion of foster-carer to a continuing care provider to be progressed before YP's 18th birthday if they are not already approved as a continuing care provider.
3. Approval of residential house to be a continuing care placement, if necessary.
4. The commissioning team will begin negotiations with current provider in relation to level of future funding once continuing care provider for YP.
5. The Additional Resource Allocation Group (ARAG) to be approached in relation to approval for continued funding of placement – if not agreed then YP to follow an appeal process (Still to be developed)?
6. If continuing care placement available, in principle, then actions require added to Child's Plan to enable review of progress.
7. Full Pathway Assessment (which incorporates the Welfare Assessment) to be undertaken by YP's 17th birthday (allocated to a Throughcare/Aftercare Worker)
8. Child Planning Meetings to continue
9. 6 Monthly LACRS to monitor Child's Plan.

Outcome 2 - YP would like the opportunity to stay within their current placement for a continued period of time and this may extend until they are 21 and wishes this to start between the ages of 16 and 18.

If YP in a local authority foster-care placement or residential placement, actions to be taken are:

1. Check that the young person is not on a PO.
2. Foster-carer or residential placement to confirm that they are, in principle, available for the YP's continuing care placement. If they are not – then the team to work with the young person on what are appropriate next steps.
3. Conversion of foster-carer to a continuing care provider to be progressed before YP's 16th birthday if they are not already approved as a continuing care provider.
4. Approval of residential house to be a continuing care placement, if necessary.
5. If continuing care placement available, in principle, then actions require added to Child's Plan to enable review of progress.
6. Full Pathway Assessment (which incorporates the Welfare Assessment) to be undertaken following Pathway Assessment – no need to wait until next LACR. This task to be allocated to a Throughcare/Aftercare Worker).
7. Be mindful of the need to alter legal status, i.e., cessation of CSO.
8. YP Planning Meetings to continue.
9. 6 Monthly LACRS to monitor Child's Plan until conversion to a continuing care placement is complete.

If YP is in an independent foster-care placement or residential placement, actions to be taken are:

1. Foster-carer or residential placement to confirm that they are, in principle, available for the YP's continuing care placement. If they are not then the team to work with the young person on what are appropriate next steps.

2. Conversion of foster-carer to a continuing care provider to be progressed before YP's 16th birthday if they are not already approved as a continuing care provider.
3. Approval of residential house to be a continuing care placement, if necessary.
4. Commissioning team to begin negotiations with current provider in relation to level of future funding once continuing care provider for YP.
5. ARAG to be approached in relation to approval for continued funding of placement – if not agreed then YP to follow appeal process (Moray Council Complaints procedure?)
6. If continuing care placement available, in principle, then actions require added to Child's Plan to enable review of progress.
7. Full Pathway Assessment (which incorporates the Welfare Assessment) to be undertaken following Initial Pathway Assessment – no need to wait until next LACR. This task allocated to a Throughcare/Aftercare Worker.
8. Be mindful of the need to change legal status, i.e., cessation of CSO.
9. 6 Monthly LACRS to monitor Child's Plan until conversion to a continuing care placement is complete.

Outcome 3 – YP plans to leave their placement by their 18th birthday (and does not wish Continuing Care prior to this), actions to be taken are:

1. Throughcare/After Worker to be allocated to YP at age 16 at the latest, to begin to build a relationship and focus on options for future in relation to, housing, further education etc.
2. Child's Plan to be updated to show focus on supporting young person to move into more independent living and what is required for this to happen.
3. YP Planning Meetings to continue.
4. 6 Monthly LACRS to monitor Child's Plan.
5. ***Remain alert to the young person changing their views and possibly seeking continuing care.***

Outcome 4 - YP would plan to leave their placement on or just after their 16th birthday

1. Throughcare/After Worker to be allocated as a matter of priority to the YP to begin to build a relationship and focus on options for future in relation to, housing, further education etc.
2. Child's Plan to be updated to show focus on supporting young person to move into more independent living and what is required for this to happen.
3. YP Planning Meetings to continue.
4. 6 Monthly LACRS to monitor Child's Plan.
5. ***Remain alert to the young person changing their views and possibly seeking continuing care.***

LACRs to confirm start date of Continuing Care Placement and transfer of financial components of support (if Adult Services are supporting YP) and lead professional to be identified if more than one agency involved in support.

FOLLOWING CONTINUING CARE PLACEMENT START DATE

1. 3 month review meeting to be organised by lead professional for YP. The framework for this meeting will be the Pathway Planning process. If a transfer between the young person's Childcare Social Worker to a Throughcare/Aftercare Worker has not happened before this meeting, then this will be the happen here.

2. Annual reviews thereafter, or at a frequency agreed by young person and support organisations.
3. Annual review to be timed for just before a YPs 20th birthday to look at all options for the YP following their 21st birthday. Remember, when the continuing care placement ends that the YP is entitled to Aftercare support.

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