

16 / 17 Years Olds Leaving Care

A CLA Review must be arranged when we considering a discharge from Care for all 16/17 year olds.



Pre-meeting report will include question about is this a 16/17 year old Leaving Care. If yes - this will open a comment box (free text) which the Social Worker will put in their recommendation.



Pre- meeting report is sent to TM and they must record their recommendation alongside the Social Workers in the comments box.



CLA review - discusses the recommendation.



IRO to record in the outcomes (within 5 working days) their recommendation about the young person leaving care.



Social Worker needs to update the Care Plan to reflect the changes and send this to their Team Manager for authorisation.



Service Manager to review the Care Plan and put in management oversight case note whether they endorse the discharge and Care Plan or not. If endorsed the service manager will alert the Director via email to access the following documents within ics to make the final decision:

- Pre-Meeting Report
- IRO Outcomes
- Care Plan
- Service Manager Oversight



The Director reads the above documents and inputs their management decision within a management oversight/decision case note on the young person ics file.

This will be standardised recording, the reason for contact will always record: "Director Authorisation for leaving care at age 16 or 17". The Directors rationale for the decision will then be entered within the details box of the case note.



Once the Director has made the decision and this noted on child's file, a case note alert will appear in Social Worker's tray – only when this has occurred can the current episode of Care be ended.

NB* Please note most young people after they leave care will be "Relevant" Children under the Leaving Care Acts and will require a Pathway Plan which should be in place at the latest by the time the Young person is 16 years & 3 months.