

Procedures for 16 and 17 year olds, ceasing Section 20



Young person 16 or 17 under section 20 for 20+ working days

Young person leaves accommodation provided by local authority – ceases to be looked after.

Pathway assessment, pathway plan and/or Child in Need plan to be updated by social worker, with the young person.
Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) notified, - if planned move, consider whether early Child Looked After Review needed or if Independent Reviewing Officer oversight still required.
If an unplanned move, and the Child Looked After review not possible, Independent Reviewing Officer's views to be obtained in writing.

Service Delivery Manager (SDM) receives above documentation with recommendations.

Deputy Director receives above documentation with Service Delivery Manager recommendations.

Deputy Director makes decision re: plan of support/eligibility as a care leaver.

Deputy Director/Service Delivery Manager records a change of plan decision on Mosaic, confirming eligibility under leaving Care Act (within two working days).

If the young person is eligible as a care leaver, personal advisor allocated and pathway plan. Care Leaver reviews offered by Independent Reviewing Officer (up to three reviews) to monitor pathway plan and consider the ongoing support needs of young person.

If the young person is not eligible for leaving care support, Child in Need plan to continue, reviewed by the Team Manager.