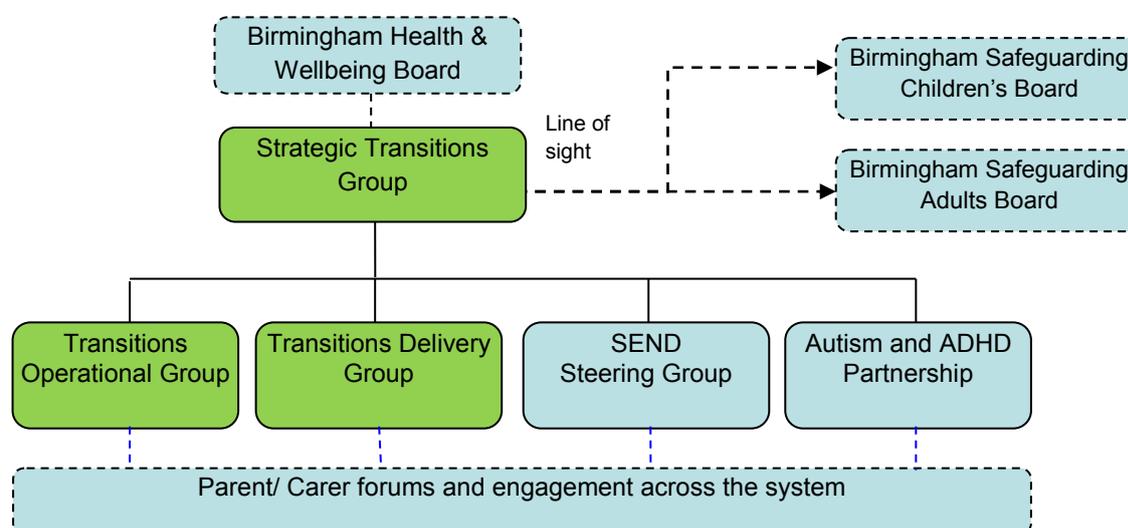


BIRMINGHAM WORKING TOGETHER

WORKING TOGETHER IN EQUAL PARTNERSHIP TO PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS FOR ADULT LIFE

Governance – APRIL 2018

The proposed governance is shown and described below. The proposal is relative to where Birmingham is in its current improvement journey with regard to Transitions and as such is for a time limited period until reviewed again in July 2018.



Strategic Transitions Group

This new group will consist of the senior stakeholders and will provide the systems leadership across Children and Adult Social Care and Education and Health - including Birmingham CC Corporate Directors, Children's Trust CEO, senior Health colleagues and the Voluntary and Community Sector. It will work to ensure that plans are aligned across the various programmes in so far as they relate to Transitions to avoid duplication and magnify impact. It will ensure that a line of sight to practice is clear, provide direction on escalated issues and build the relationships and connections necessary for effective partnership working across Transitions. It will feed progress into partners, Adult and Children Safeguarding Boards and the Trust as appropriate and will provide updates periodically to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Transitions Delivery Group

This group has been established on a 'task and finish' basis to look at a specific cohort of children with disabilities aged 14-17. The work of the Transitions Delivery Group will inform the development of an innovative approach to preparing for adulthood that focuses on

outcomes, strengths based practice and the promotion of independence for the young person. It will identify the current cost baseline information for the initial specific cohort of young people to inform a whole system approach to personal budgets.

Transitions Operational Group

This is an existing group with a strengthened remit to jointly plan and review support and outcomes for children with disabilities preparing for adulthood. Members are from across the health, education and social care system. It will continue to manage the current multi-agency process of transition into adulthood which focuses on the young person at 17 ½ years whilst the new model is being developed. Strengthening will also include a more systematic approach to discussing children within the scope of transition based on shared lists of the cohort across agencies. Grip on practice and an outcome focus will be introduced with social work practitioners. Financial Service leads will be in attendance to support forecasting of financial packages.

It will ensure collective learning across the system to inform the new approach to preparation for adulthood.

SEND Steering Group

This is an existing Steering Group responsible for implementation of the SEND Strategy and Inclusion and Improvement Plan. Membership includes senior leaders from across the system. Strengthening of governance in this area relates to ensuring that plans within the SEND programme are aligned in so far as they relate to Transitions to avoid duplication of effort and magnify impact.

Autism and ADHD Partnership

This is an existing Partnership Group. Membership includes practitioners and stakeholders from across the health, social care, education system; voluntary and community sector and parent/carer representation. Strengthening of the governance in this area relates to ensuring that Birmingham's Autism Strategy is aligned in so far it relates to Transitions and ensuring that the needs of this cohort are recognised and articulated in the plans for wider improvement. and system change.

Review of this Governance:

July 2018