

Context

A number of changes have been made to young people's services in the city. Young people under 19 with social or recreational substance misuse issues are supported by Family Support Workers in Family Hubs around the city. If their substance use impacts more heavily, they may be supported directly by a Substance Misuse Specialist. If they are open to children's social care including looked after or YOT, they will be working with Gail Lennan, Substance Misuse Worker. If a young person needs ongoing support once they are aged 18, it will be appropriate for a Young Person's Link Worker within the Recovery Hub adult substance misuse team to work with them.

Young person is working with one of the following:

Family Support Workers; Substance Misuse Workers or Gail Lennan
(children's social care Tier 4 support).

Young person reaches age 18/19 and identifies that they would like to access some ongoing support from adult services.

Young Person's worker will call Recovery Hub and speak to one of named YP link workers to arrange 3-way handover meeting with client. This meeting is to be held at most appropriate location for young person, which might well be at the Family Hub. If YP Link Worker at hub is not available, message to be passed via admin team.

If young person has Illy record, YP Link Worker to open new episode with Recovery Hub.

If young person does not have Illy record, YP Link Worker to add as new client with Recovery Hub episode.

3-way meeting to take place and focus on updating goals and plans. The focus should be on updating information and the client's needs. Comprehensive assessment could be completed with information from Young Person's service. Further 3-ways can be arranged as needed before handover is completed.

YP Link Worker to pick up the work with the client, taking into consideration the guidance as set out below.

Working with Young People

Considerations

- Adult substance misuse services in the city have been impacted by the recovery agenda and tend to have aims around successful outcomes in terms of clients becoming drug-free. When supporting young people with substance misuse issues, the aim may be more about harm reduction than abstinence.
- The impact of the substance use should be the main focus, rather than the classification of the substance, when considering harm.
- The focus should be on re-engaging young people with positive social networks and supports, such as family, education, work and activities.
- It is important to acknowledge that the client will be transitioning from young people's services to an adult service and it is worth noting this with them. Young people who have accessed YP substance misuse services will be used to working with the Outcomes Star and strengths-based models.
- Working with young people is about positive modelling.
- The Recovery Hub should avoid mixing YP clients with older adults and entrenched drug users. Therefore, it is appropriate to meet YP clients outside of the service, in family hubs, at home or other appropriate places.

Timescales, the adult service should be contacted in good time before the transfer; suggested 1 month before transferring

The recovery hub will respond within 5 working days of an initial phone call if the transferring worker cannot talk to them immediately

The recovery hub will meet the young person within 10 working days of initial contact with the transferring worker, if this is not possible as the transferring worker is not available (e.g. annual leave) and the young person is comfortable/confident to meet recovery hub worker alone then this can go ahead.