

## Transition from children's to adults' services

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Example 1	Statement 1 (measure)		This statement may be hard to measure because...
1	General		This response is being submitted on behalf of the CoramBAAF Health Group, which is also a special interest group of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH). The Health Group was formed to support health professionals working with children in the care system, through training, the provision of practice guidance and lobbying to promote the health of these children. With over 500 members UK-wide, an elected Health Group Advisory Committee with representation from community paediatricians working as medical advisers for looked after children and adoption panels, specialist nurses for looked after children, psychologists and psychiatrists, the Health Group has considerable expertise and a wide sphere of influence.  Our area of concern is the particularly vulnerable group comprised of looked after and adopted children and young people.
2	Why this quality standard is needed	Page 2 – list of vulnerable groups	It would be helpful if looked after young people and care leavers could be specifically included in the list of vulnerable groups.
3	Questions 1 and 4		Although the standard appears to cover some key areas it is overly simplistic in suggesting that starting early and having an annual planning meeting are the main requirements. Considering transition planning from the

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			perspective of the health of a looked after young person, the young person needs to understand their health history, learn to manage any health conditions, engage with health promotion and gradually assume more responsibility for their own health. This is an ongoing process which requires engagement and ongoing support, usually from the specialist nurse for LAC/care leavers and may involve various appointments, discussions, and availability of support by phone and text. This is a resource intensive role and our members report that commissioning arrangements are often insufficient. Resource implications for the full scope of activities involved in high quality transition planning should be addressed in the QS.
4	QS 1	Structure and commissioners	Specialist nurses for looked after young people have a key role to play with all aspects of health care and transition planning for care leavers and much good work is carried out, including early planning for transition. However, our members advise that in practice most paediatric health services including those for looked after children are only commissioned until the age of 18, which makes it impossible to provide effective services and follow up beyond that age. Many LAC health services report that adult health services, particularly CAMHS, have a poor understanding of the health and social care needs of LAC, and that it can be difficult to engage with adult health services for transition planning. Furthermore these young people often fail to meet thresholds to receive adult mental health services despite well recognised complex needs, and this must be addressed if transition planning is to succeed.
5	QS 1		Although the QS does specifically mention children in LA care no reference is made to the fact that this group of YP will be subject to the LA pathway planning which is to prepare for transition to leaving care; the QS should link with that guidance.
	QS 4	Rationale and named worker	The specialist nurse for looked after young people may be in an ideal position to support the YP during the transition if this function is included in their remit at the time of commissioning, however this is rarely done in the current climate of stretched health resources.
	QS 6	Rationale	We welcome the recognition that engagement with adult services can be difficult for young people and this can be particularly the case for care leavers. Adult services need to acquire understanding of additional needs of particular groups such as care leavers and this may require both specialist training and development of services for these groups.
6	Question 2		Presumably social care would be responsible for data collection and some members report that required systems and structures are largely in place. Social care takes the lead on organising the annual meeting as part of the LAC review and having a named worker for all care leavers.

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