

The Young Person's Gateway

Reasons for the Report

1. To provide an overview of the joint working with Homelessness and Children's Services to provide a single pathway for young persons aged 16 – 21 who are homeless or facing homelessness.

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2. On 6th October 2015 a young person's gateway was launched to provide a service for young persons who are homeless or facing homelessness. The gateway is managed jointly with Housing Options Service, Children's Services in conjunction with Llamau. The young person's gateway offers housing solutions for all young persons aged from 16 – 21 years. The service is offered to clients who are under a duty of Children's Services or homelessness legislation or those who are in need of supported accommodation within a young person project. The aim of the gateway is to provide the best housing solutions to young persons with the same pathway based on the young persons need irrespective of legal duties.
3. Once a young person is placed in suitable supported accommodation they will have a move on plan to develop their necessary skills with an aim to move them into settled accommodation. This will include moving into projects with lower support provision as their need decreases. The aim is that the young person will eventually when ready move into settled accommodation and independent living. Training flats are being sourced with a provision for tenancy training and floating support prior to the young person being offered a tenancy.

4. Details of the number of young people who have accessed the service since its launch, the help they have received and their movement through the gateway pathway will be provided within the presentation.

Financial Implications

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Legal Implications

6. Under the Children Act 1989 the Council is required to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within its area whom they assess as being in need. The Council shall provide accommodation for any child in need within their area who appears to them to require accommodation.
7. Under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014) the Council must help to secure that suitable accommodation is available for occupation by an applicant if they are satisfied that the applicant is homeless and eligible for help.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- Note the report

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