

Transitional Safeguarding

Developing a whole council approach

Brent's Senior Management Group (SMG) team met in July 2022 to develop a council-wide Transitional Safeguarding approach. The below summarises the council's commitment to Transitional Safeguarding and the role each directorate currently provides as well as forward thinking priority areas. There is a recognition that all directorates have a responsibility as corporate parents¹ and are accountable for providing effective services for children in care and care leavers. There is also recognition of the commitment to develop an approach to support and safeguarding all vulnerable young people when transitioning to adulthood. SMG made reference to ongoing initiatives in Brent which require embedding into the Brent's Transitional Safeguarding approach: [Brent Health Matters](#), [Brent Works](#) and [Brent Start](#).

Alongside ongoing commitment from Children and Young People, Adult Social Care and Community Safety, the following services support transitional safeguarding:

Legal: Support children's and adult's services with applying relevant legislative frameworks to improve outcomes for young people transitioning to adulthood, and safeguarding duties.

Housing: Ensure that care leavers have stable homes and secure support. [Brent Hubs](#) offer support and advice for residents. There is a discretionary service to support 18+ with housing benefits over a twelve week period.

Finance: Provide Education, Employment and Training (EET) opportunities to young people. There is an ongoing commitment to include social value and impact in the procurement of new services.

Growth and Employment: Have a number of initiatives which support young people and adults access EET opportunities.

¹ 'Corporate Parenting is the term used to refer to the responsibility of the council, to provide the best possible care and protection for children and young people who are 'looked after'. At the core of this responsibility is the moral duty to provide the kind of support that any good parents would provide their own children. This includes enhancing the quality of life of looked after children as well as simply keeping them safe.' - House of Commons Children, Schools and Family Committee March 2009

Looking forward, the below ways will be explored to further develop our Transitional Safeguarding offer:



Corporate

- Improve data sharing across databases used across council directorates.
- Identify gaps in services which prevent young people being supported.



Housing

- Improve housing representation in multi-agency safeguarding forums.
- Identify early intervention opportunities through data and intelligence



Finance

- Develop social value in the procurement of new services robustly.
- Build relationships with local businesses and community sector.



Employment

- Embedding 'Brent Works' to support ETT for young people.
- Supporting adult education offer with 'Brent Start'.