Transitional Safeguarding in Redbridge

Introduction to the new Transitional Safeguarding Panel

We are very pleased to announce that with our combined efforts across Childrens and Adults Services we have a developed a pathway to safeguard young people who have distinct safeguarding needs and may have complex vulnerabilities that continue into adulthood.

We have formed a new High level Transitional Safeguarding Panel with a range of Stakeholders such as Safeguarding Leads from BHRUT, CAMHS, Adult Mental Health, Adult Social Care, Housing Childrens Services, and other relevant organisations.

Transitional Safeguarding is an approach that focuses on safeguarding young people from adolescence into adulthood, recognising transition is a journey not an event. Transitional Safeguarding is not simply transition planning for people moving from children to adult social care services, emphasising a needs-led, personalised approach. It requires practitioners, leaders and all involved in services for children and adults, to consider how they might work together and think beyond child/adult silos for the benefit of young people. Abuse, exploitation, and difficulties around mental health do not end at 18 years of age, and yet many of our services for adults are designed to support only those people with ongoing care and support needs.

Transitional safeguarding is a multi-agency issue, dependent on collaboration and connection between services with the need for bespoke safeguarding provision for young people transitioning into adulthood. To date provision in Redbridge has not always met the transitional safeguarding needs for young people with complex care needs or those who have had complex backgrounds and upbringings. The Transitional Safeguarding Panel is designed to address some of these challenges.

The Panel became fully functioning in January 2023 and will be sitting quarterly.

Referrals can be made by all agencies via the

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