

What Makes The Difference? TOOLS and RESOURCES

NAME OF TOOL/RESOURCE: Connexions Partnership Agreement.

NAME AND REGION OF AGENCY/ORGANISATION THAT DEVELOPED THIS TOOL/RESOURCE:
Connexions Humber and East Riding of Yorkshire Pathway Team.

Purpose and Brief Description of Tool/Resource:

This partnership agreement between a local Connexions team and the Leaving Care team sets out very clearly the aims and objectives of their collaborative work. It includes a breakdown of performance indicators and targets and specific work plans for each objective. It will be a useful template for any collaborative work, specifically multi-disciplinary team-working.

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tool/resource**

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Evidence for the effectiveness/ impact of this tool/resource

**Positive impact of
this tool/resource:**

Not known.

Role of Health Co-ordinator within Pathway Team

Summary of role

- To assess the general health, particularly the emotional well being of young people who are looked after and to plan for any unmet needs.
- To promote the optimum physical and emotional well being of young people .
- To be ultimately responsible to the Head of Community Paediatric Services (NHS) and to work closely with other agencies and support services eg:- CAMHS, Multi Agency Link Team and East Riding Pathway Team.

Responsibilities

- To provide health care and support to young people looked after through undertaking holistic health assessments and implementing care plans.
- To undertake specified pieces of work with young people who have been identified as having emotional, behavioural or mental health difficulties.
- To participate in care planning through professionals meetings, reviews and core groups.
- To respond to referrals from the Pathway Team.
- To communicate feedback verbally and via health care plans.
- To set up group work and / or drop-in sessions with young people where appropriate in order to meet an identified need.
- To reflect on practice and be flexible to need.
- To provide a service within a variety of settings, without immediate recourse to other clinicians ie:- homes, residential homes, other health authority or local authority premises.
- To support carers / families in promoting and maintaining the optimum health of young people in their care through individual advice or signposting to appropriate services.
- To provide advice and support to the social workers for young people in order to assist in promoting and maintaining their optimum health.
- To complete an audit of interventions in order to evaluate positive outcomes for young people.
- To obtain service user feedback in order to develop and improve the service.