

SEND Improvement Board Report - Front Sheet

Report Title	Preparing for Adulthood
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Report Purpose	PfA Update - including progress towards PfA and transitions strategy and accounting for any recommendations/ steer from SEND Operational Group (15/01)
Key Recommendations	<p>Summary of Key Updates</p> <p><u>Strengths-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PFA multi-agency and collaborative with multi-agency approach ✓ Clear governance structure with KPIs and action planning in progress, plus scheduled reporting at 3, 6, intervals to track progress and mitigate risks ✓ Stronger voice for CYP and families, smoother transitions, and holistic support across ✓ Establishing mechanisms support to schools and colleges <p><u>PFA Co-production- Risk for PFA Action Planning</u></p> <p>Risk 1 – Inconsistent Advice to Schools</p> <p>Schools may receive conflicting advice from different services.</p> <p>Mitigation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement a clear communication and guidance protocol. • Provide regular training and updates for all advisory teams.

Risk 2 – Digital Exclusion for Families

Some families may not be able to access PfA information or engagement opportunities due to digital barriers.

Mitigation:

- Ensure resources are available in easy-read and offline formats.
- Maintain a consistent communication strategy aligned with PfA engagement.

Risk 3 – Lagged Destination Data

Destination data is captured inconsistently and may not reflect current CYP whereabouts, affecting NEET accuracy.

Mitigation:

- Provide workforce training and implement regular data refresh protocols.

Risk 4-Limited Tracking for Ages 19–25

19–25-year-olds are not routinely tracked, creating gaps in monitoring outcomes and identifying need.

Mitigation:

- Add the 18–25 group as a priority within the PfA Employment Workstream.

Risk 5- CYP voice and SIB and DfE timelines

CYP and parent carer feedback is embedded in the PfA strategy; however, the timelines for the Healthwatch CYP survey, SIB approval, and DfE sign-off (due end of March) are not aligned. This may result in feedback not being fully incorporated before required deadlines.

DfE to provide feedback on whether the sign-off timelines can be extended to ensure CYP and parent carer input is fully reflected in PfA strategy.

	<p>SIB-Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen risk management and escalation processes in PFA Subgroup/PfA workstreams. • Report progress at 3, 6, and 12-month intervals.
<p>What is the impact of this report/ work for Children, Young People with SEND and their families</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerated Progress: Increased strategic leadership and system-wide grip will drive faster delivery of PfA priorities. • Clear Strategic Direction: Priorities are embedded in the PfA Strategy and action plan, ensuring alignment with SEND Strategy and LAIP. • Stronger Voice of CYP and Families: Lived experiences shape decisions, improving relevance and inclusivity. • Smooth Transitions: Young people will experience coordinated transitions across education, health, and social care, with appropriate support post-EHCP. • Person-Centred Pathways: PfA pathways have clear success criteria, enabling measurable outcomes and celebration of achievements. • Holistic Support: Improved integration between social care and EHCP processes ensures needs are met consistently. • Accessible Information: CYP, families, and partners can easily access PfA resources to make informed decisions. • High Aspirations: Children and young people receive timely, appropriate support to achieve independence and wellbeing.