



**Dorset**  
Council

**Birth to Settled Adulthood Programme**



# People & Health Overview Committee

21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Report  
Independent Chair

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# Introduction

This is, first and foremost, an assurance report.

*“The overall assessment of the work undertaken in 2022 is that it has laid the majority of the foundations for the programme to transition from ‘getting ready’ to ‘getting going’. That is to say, the partnership between Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and the Dorset Parent Carer Council is such that there was agreement at the start of 2023 that sufficient groundwork had been undertaken in the previous twelve months that the crucial activity of service redesign could commence.”*

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# Strengths

The report sets out four key areas considered in determining the programme's likelihood of success:

- Programme leadership capacity and capability
- Partnership commitment and collaborative working (including the Joint Declaration)
- Political oversight, support and challenge
- Programme planning, reporting and risk assessment

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# Risks

The report also sets out four key areas of risk which need to be closely monitored and mitigated for the programme's ongoing likelihood of success:

- Focus, capacity and capabilities
- Funding: understanding present and future funding and savings requirements and lead-in times
- Workforce preparation and readiness
- Communications and engagement

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# Summary

*“The most important message in this report is that this major programme is, at the start of 2023, on track to deliver the much needed and long-awaited improvement and transformation to the experience and services available to support children and young people with a special educational need or disability. It is challenging work, but I see the commitment to making these changes across the whole of the partnership; and, perhaps, as important, a growing and positive collaborative effort that is making this partnership stronger month-by-month.”*

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# Recommendation

Birth To Settled Adulthood is a major improvement and transformation programme and the Committee has an important role to play in ensuring that it has the desired impact.

The Committee is requested to provide feedback.

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