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| **TITLE** | **Launch of consultation - Draft guidance on handover and transition between children’s and adult health services** |
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The transition and handover of care from children’s to adult services has been highlighted as a key priority for improvement in recent years.

There is a real need to ensure that transition and handover between children’s and adult services is as seamless as possible and that children and young people have a say in the way they move between services.

Welsh Government established a task and finish group which included key stakeholders from across Health and Social Services and third sector organisations to produce Welsh Government guidance detailing the provision of appropriate handover of health care from paediatric to adult services.

Today, I am launching a [consultation](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgov.wales%2Fmanaging-transition-childrens-adults-healthcare-services&data=02%7C01%7CJames.Oxenham%40gov.wales%7Ca2d29d62c6084a61f08808d7a0d3e71f%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C637154704291582879&sdata=8P1A3Dxw4MAgCUOjh04zbFzfTvMntnpVypG4adg6MTQ%3D&reserved=0) seeking views on the new guidance which includes a draft pathway to help children and young people navigate through the healthcare system.

The consultation can be accessed on the Welsh Government website. The consultation will run for 12 weeks until the 20 April 2020.