

## Making the difference

# Discharge From Clinical Services



General Policies July 2023

### **Discharge from Clinical Services**

1. Children will be discharged from Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, The Specialist Wheelchair Service or the Specialist AAC service when one or more of the following criteria have been met:

#### Discharge criteria

- When treatment / intervention goals have been reached and no further intervention is indicated.
- When child and family have strategies in place and have been empowered to continue to manage without further input at the present time.
- When referral is inappropriate and therapy input is not indicated.
- When child and family do not attend 2 consecutive appointments after notice is given and the referrer has been notified.
- When child and family do not respond to 1st DNA letter within allotted time-frame i.e. 2 weeks.
- When family are unwilling to carry out the recommendations of the therapist.
- When child and family move out of the area.
- When child and family request discharge or transfer to another service.
- If needs cannot be met and a new provider is required.
- 2. On discharge from the service a discharge letter will be sent to the child's GP, Paediatrician and the original referrer.
- 3. Children who have been discharged can be re-referred at any time to any of the clinical services by parents, carers, health or education professionals.

#### Transition from Vranch House to another service provider

Children and young people transferring from Vranch House Clinical Services to other service providers will have a planned transition.

#### Transition planning will involve:

- Early involvement with multi-agency transition plans at EHCP or TAC for transition to adult services.
- Introduction to future therapy service providers at an appropriate time in planning the transfer.
- Comprehensive written information of child's history and current needs provided to future service providers.

