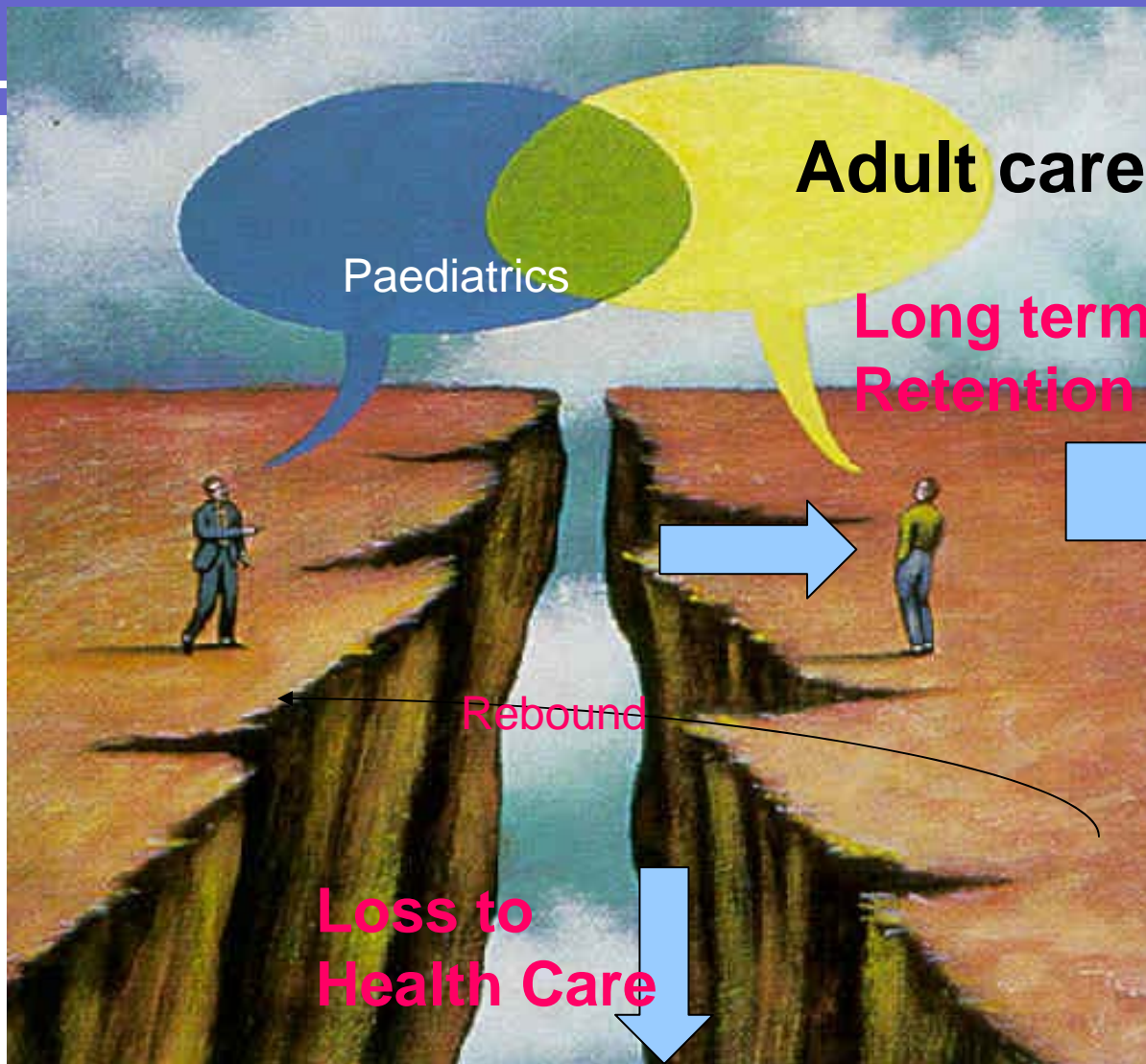




Current Initiatives of the GMCT Transition Network

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Development of Service Delivery Models

- Transition as the most important Clinical Handover
- Specific working groups:
 - spina bifida, diabetes, developmental disability
- Engaging adult health care
 - Re-organisation of resources
 - Joint services

Identification of Workforce Needs

- Transition Care Workforce Project completed
- Gap identification
 - E.g. health professionals for rare genetic disorders, spina bifida, developmental disability
- Additional skills required
 - Health care professionals; core competencies, case management
 - Young people: self management

Information management systems

- Transition co-ordinators
 - Reliant on referral
- Electronic data collection
 - For access and transfer
- Minimal datasets required
 - Essential transition knowledge
- Young people as keepers
 - The personal medical record

Education and research

- These need to be
 - Interdisciplinary
 - Connected with professional training organisations
 - Involve Government Departments other than Health
 - Involve NGOs who already are involved with youth