

Information on:

Transition

The transition process should begin when a child with disabilities reaches 13/14. Where a child has a Statement of Special Education Needs, the school's annual review held that year will include Transition planning. It is good practice for young people on School Action or School Action Plus to have a transition plan, but this is not compulsory. The Connexions service provides support for all people aged 13-19, including young people with additional needs but without a Statement.

Key points around the Transition process:

- **Person Centred Planning** should be carried out to meet the aims of the Valuing People plan. Person Centred planning means doing things in a way which meets the needs of the individual, and taking their views into account when decisions are made. See websites below for more information about Valuing People, person centred planning and transition.
- **Transfer to adult services.** Up to 18 years of age, the needs of your child are assessed under the Children Act. From the age of 18, there is a transfer to adult services under the NHS and Community Care Act 1990. An assessment of a person's needs as a whole is carried out by the social services department.
- **Carers Assessments.** As a parent/carer of a young person with disabilities you are also entitled to a carer's assessment.
- **Making decisions.** The Mental Capacity Act came into force in 2007 and provides a statutory framework to empower and protect people who may lack capacity to make some decisions for themselves. One of the key principles is a presumption of capacity unless proved otherwise. The Act also establishes a general right for family members and other carers to be consulted about a person's best interests. In some circumstances (for example, if there is a dispute about what is in the person's best interests) it will also be possible for a family member to apply to the new Court of Protection for the power to make decisions about the person's welfare, finances and certain aspects of their medical care.

Further information from: **Kirklees Learning Disability Partnership Board:**

www.kirklees.gov.uk/community/ld/index.asp

Contact a Family:

Freephone helpline: 0808 808 3555

www.cafamily.org.uk

Transition Information Network:

www.transitioninfonet.org.uk

(There is one section for professionals and parents/carers, and one section for young people.)

Valuing People: www.valuingpeople.gov.uk



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Really useful information for parents of children with additional needs in Kirklees

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