

# How young people are supported in their transitions to adulthood – Education, Employment and Training

- Within the Early Help Service (Stronger Families) there is a dedicated team who support young people age 16 and 17, who are Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET).
- This is a statutory duty of Middlesbrough Council which is set out in the Learning and Skills Act 2008, whereby LAs have a duty to 'encourage, enable or assist young people's participation in education or training'.
- Support from the team begins with all young people age 16 and 17 who are due to leave school or college, to ensure they have suitable offer of learning by the end of September – **September Guarantee**
- September Guarantee rate for Middlesbrough (2021) is 96.2% and is above the England rate 95.5% and the North East rate at 95.7%.
- The NEET Team track the destinations of young people and offer careers guidance and a placing service to support young people into suitable opportunities.
- Partnership working is in place with a range of Learning Providers including Middlesbrough Councils Community Learning Service.
- **Middlesbrough NEET** (2021/2022) is 5.6%, North East average of 5.4% and the England average of 4.7%, Statistical Neighbours 4<sup>th</sup>/11.

# Transition to Adulthood – Children with SEND

Local Authorities must:

Focus on preparation for adulthood outcomes for children with an EHCP from Year 9 onwards

Employment

Independence

Community Inclusion

Health

## Coproduction

Person centred planning  
Pathways  
Participation

## Processes

EHCP  
Information sharing and transition  
Place Planning

## Provision

Support  
Commissioning/funding  
Tees Valley Las  
Multi-agency planning



# • Transitions - Pathways

Pathways Care Leaving Service supports care leavers so that they can live successful independent lives. A care leaver is a young person who has been in the care of the local authority for a period of 13 weeks or more spanning their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday

## Independence

- Pathway Plans for each care leaver setting out their needs, views, goals and what support they will receive
- Access to financial support depending on needs
- Computer and internet access
- Support to open a bank account
- Support to be provided with a form of ID
- Access to money management and support to develop budgeting skills
- Personal allowance
- Financial assistance for university students
- Invites to social groups
- A Care Leavers forum to provide an arena for your views to support service development

## Employment, Education and Training

- NEET panel
- Work Readiness Support
- Guaranteed interview for jobs and apprenticeships
- Support to: access bursaries, purchase college equipment, produce CVs, purchase clothing for interviews
- Support to understand rights and entitlements
- Work experience opportunities
- Additional financial support to ensure that there is a financial benefit to working
- Support to travel to interviews
- Support to attend local job fairs, college open days



*One of our young people being supported to climb Mount Snowdon – July 2022*

# • Transitions - Pathways

Pathways Care Leaving Service supports care leavers so that they can live successful independent lives. The local authority have a duty to support all care leavers with a Personal Advisor until they reach the age of 25

## Health

- A dedicated worker who can offer additional support regarding emotional wellbeing within Pathways
- Support with referrals to other agencies
- Support to attend appointments and speak to your doctor
- Free access to Middlesbrough leisure services
- A health passport with key information about your health
- C cards
- Support to register at a doctor, dentist and optician
- Advice and guidance regarding LGBT and signposting to support services

## Housing

- Staying put allows young people to stay with foster carers post 18
- Access to Supported Lodgings provisions
- Young people's housing panels supporting access to multiple housing options
- Council tax exemption up to the age of 21
- Setting up home allowances
- Support with removal costs



*Care Leavers Celebration  
Event – February 2022*



*Jubilee Care Leavers BBQ party  
– June 2022*

# • Transitions — Young People with Disabilities



**How young people who also have Disabilities are supported in their preparation for adulthood so that they can live successful independent lives**

Within the **Children with Disabilities Service** there are 3 dedicated teams who support young people age 15.6 months through to 17 years old to help them prepare for adulthood. This is a statutory duty of Middlesbrough Council.

Children with Disabilities already have a multi-disciplinary team in place and a new assessment is completed before their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and it depends upon their status i.e.:

**Children Looked After** who also have a disability will have a Pathway Plan just like any other young person who is looked after and at the age of 18 years they will transfer to the Pathways Service, **and** either an Adult Care Social Worker / or a Lead Professional from Health. They are entitled to the same services as any other young person who has been in local authority care.

**Children in Need** because of their Disability will have a Child in Need Plan that supports their preparation for adulthood and will be presented to Adult Care Transition Panel to ascertain if they meet the adult care criteria for services as young adults and beyond.

**Short Breaks** Young people open to the Short breaks team will be presented to Adult Care Transitions Panel

**Adult Social Care** We work closely with adult care colleagues and our young people are presented to their “transitions panel” at the earliest opportunity. Adult social workers are usually allocated at least 6 months before the young persons 18 birthday so that their transfer to adult care is seamless

**Lead Health Professional** Young People with a disability will have an assessment to ascertain if their needs are Health or Social Care. If the outcome is Health a Lead Professional from Health is appointed to work with the Children with Disabilities Social Worker. At 18 years old they will close to Children's Social Worker and will not be open to an Adult Social worker.

**Capacity Assessments** Many of our Children with Disabilities will have to have a capacity assessment to ascertain if they can make their own decisions as adults and we work closely with parents; the young person and courts to meet their needs and rights

**Their needs are the same as any other young adult; i.e. SAFE; SECURE; HAPPY; A Good Home; Employment; Education or Training; A good support network around them**