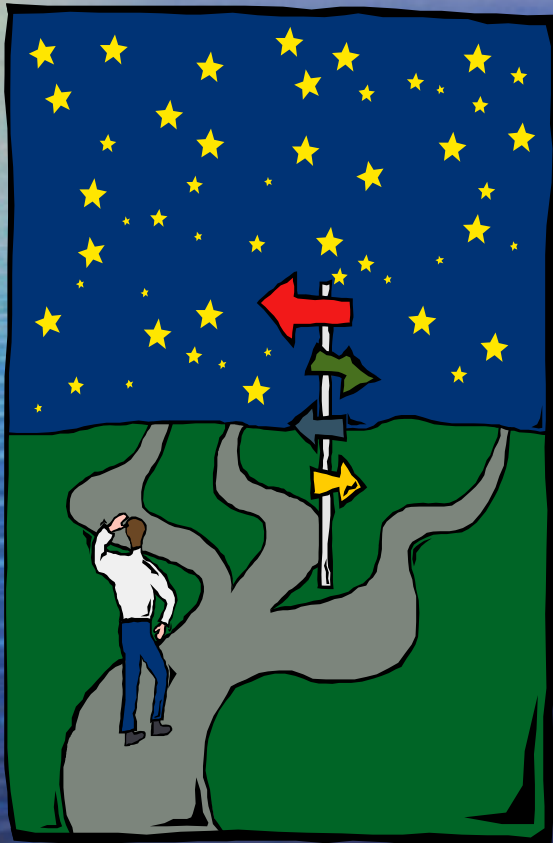


# Brighter Futures – A Strategic Approach to Transition to Adulthood



national transition support team – Pan Regional Event



## Delivering a Strategic Approach... a work in progress

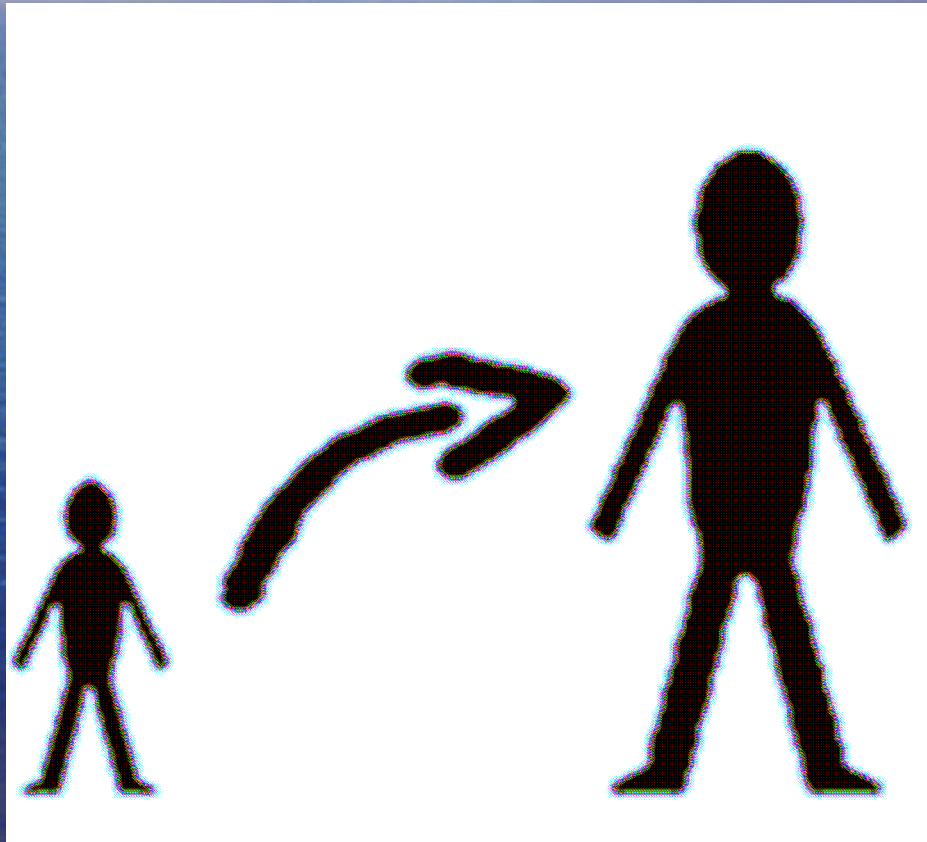
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# Transition to Adulthood - The problem

- Complex area
- Viewed from many different sides I.e. Education, FE, Health, Social Care
- Periodic crises & disputes which lead to complaints
- Agencies & staff often see transition as a process issue and not an outcome issue
- Agencies & staff don't know what happens next
- Parent/Carers & young disabled adults making it absolutely clear that we are to work *together*
- Its not about process - its really about changing lives.....

Transition = Change  
Leading to good outcomes



Its not really this simple....

## .....Strategies for transition

*Young People & their family at the centre -  
transition services have to develop together....*

### **Children & Young People Services**

- Children Act - ECM & NSF
- Early Years Foundation Stage
- Early Support/Children Centres
- Extended Services
- Aiming High Disabled Children
- Transitions Guide /TransMap
- Care Matters
- LSC & Connexions/IYS
- Education Training Employment

### **Adults Services**

- Valuing People/VP Now!
- Supporting People
- Our Health, Our Say
- Transition :Moving on Well (DH)
- Life Chances of Disabled People
- Growing Up Matters
- Mental Capacity Act

***Corporate and Business Agenda – community cohesion; partnership; integration***

# National Strategies that effect transition outcomes

Independence ; Safety  
Physically & emotionally healthy; Well prepared  
Education & continue learning; Contribute to society  
Social skills for life & leisure; Ability to hold a job

**Every Child Matters**

**Valuing People**

Corporate Agenda  
Community cohesion

**Birmingham  
Brighter Futures**

**Adults & Communities  
Outcomes**

**Partnership;  
Integration**

# Some strategic work in progress...

- Transition to Adulthood Framework - four key activities. They are:
  - Improved identification and differentiation
  - Improved person centred pathways and activities which lead to fulfilling outcomes
  - Increased take up of Education, Training and Employment Opportunities
  - Massively improved and more consistent - Information Advice and Guidance

## Some strategic work in progress... (2)

1. Transition Procedures and working projects
2. Adults & Children's mental capacity act
3. Secure multi agency sign up to the Transition to Adulthood Framework from wider partners and the development of an implementation plan deliver on the Framework
4. Implementation of the *Multi Agency Transition Pathway* and *independent* evaluation of the first wave of implementation
5. Completion of Self Assessment Questionnaire
6. Completion of a review into employment and training opportunities for disabled young people aged 16-25 with social care needs
7. Work to complete Brokerage and Employment pathway
8. Transition Theatre Project and research on outcomes
9. Work to improve Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG)

## Some strategic work in progress... (3)

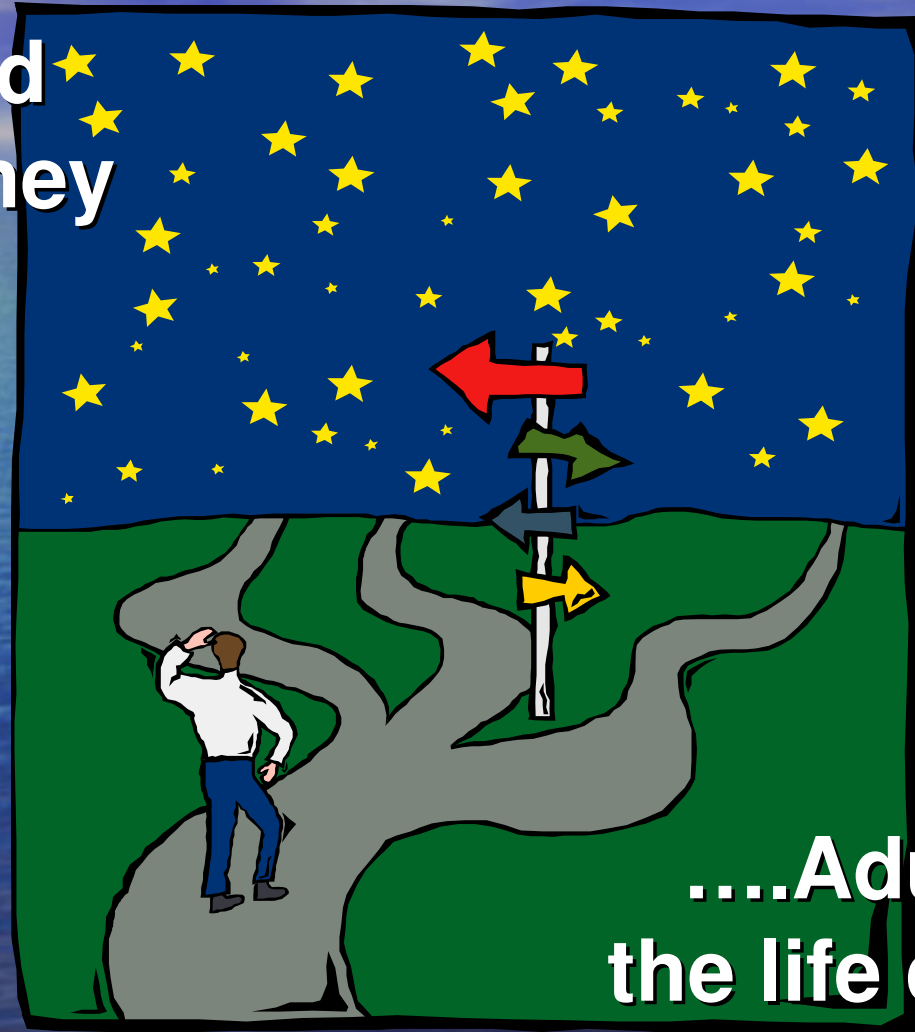
1. A database called the “single view of the disabled child”
2. Independent Travel Training Review
3. Review of effectiveness of Person Centred Transition Reviews
4. Survey of young people
5. Housing and Supporting People commitment to increase resources
6. Shared commitment with health on transition

# So the key strategic issues are.....

- Commitment from the most Senior Managers
- Understand the strategic context, national, regional & local
- Engage with partner agencies
- A shared understanding of priorities
- Spend time understanding the data
- Tackle one thing at a time
- Project work improves working together
- Listen to the consumers at all times.....

**The context is that ...**

**Childhood  
is a Journey  
for life...**



**....Adulthood is  
the life childhood  
has prepared...**