

national transition support team

working together to improve transition
for disabled young people

Information leaflet for families with disabled young people in transition to adulthood

This information leaflet will tell you about what the government is doing to help local areas give better support to disabled young people and their families.

What is transition?

'Transition' is the time in a disabled young person's life when they go from being a young person to an adult. Disabled young people will start to make lots of choices about things like:

- What they want to do when they leave school
- If they want to go to college
- If they want to get a job
- If they want to learn to live independently

It is also the time when disabled young people who receive support from children's services may transfer to adult's services when they become 18.

Sometimes disabled young people and their families don't get the right support and the same opportunities to live their lives as other young people. The government think this is wrong and wants this to change.

Key Points

'Transition' means when disabled young people are growing up to become adults.

Disabled young people and their families need support to help them during this time.

They don't always get the right support.

What is the Transition Support Programme?

The Transition Support Programme is a national programme to improve support for disabled young people in their transition to adulthood. It is part of a wider government programme called Aiming High for Disabled Children, which is transforming local services in England for all disabled children, young people and their families.

The Transition Support Programme has been developed to give funding and support to local areas (like local authorities, Primary Care Trusts and their partner agencies) to help them improve the way they support disabled young people in transition to adulthood.

The Transition Support Programme is running over three years with £19m of funding between 2008 and 2011. It is a government programme run jointly by the Department for Education and the Department of Health.

Key Points

The Transition Support Programme is a plan by the government.
It's about giving support and money to services that help disabled young people.
It will make these services work better.

What is the National Transition Support Team?

The programme is supported by the National Transition Support Team, National Strategies and the Child Health and Maternity Partnership. These three agencies are working directly with every local area in England to improve processes to support disabled young people and their families through transition.

The National Transition Support Team is based at the Council for Disabled Children, the umbrella body for the disabled children's sector in England. We are coordinating the delivery of the Transition Support Programme. The Transition Information Network at the Council for Disabled Children underpins this work and continues to run seminars and produces a magazine for disabled young people and families.

What is the National Transition Support Team doing?

We are talking to local authorities about how their services support disabled young people and their families. We want to know if they are giving enough support. We will help them look at ways in which they can make their services better.

We are visiting local authorities to plan with them how they are going to use the money to improve the support they give to disabled young people and their families.

We are developing resources and running events for professionals so they can learn how to make their services better.

Key Points

The National Transition Support Team is helping to run the Transition Support Programme.

We are helping professionals who support disabled young people to make their services better.

Transition Information Network

The Transition Information Network has a website with useful resources, runs seminars and publishes a magazine for disabled young people, families and professionals called My Future Choices.

It is free to register with TIN.

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To find out about transition services in your local area: