

# Preparing for Adulthood



## Preparing for Adulthood – key learning so far

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# Preparing for Adulthood Programme



- Commissioned by DfE to support the testing and implementation of SEND reforms
- Delivered by the NDTi and CDC
- Free training, support and resources

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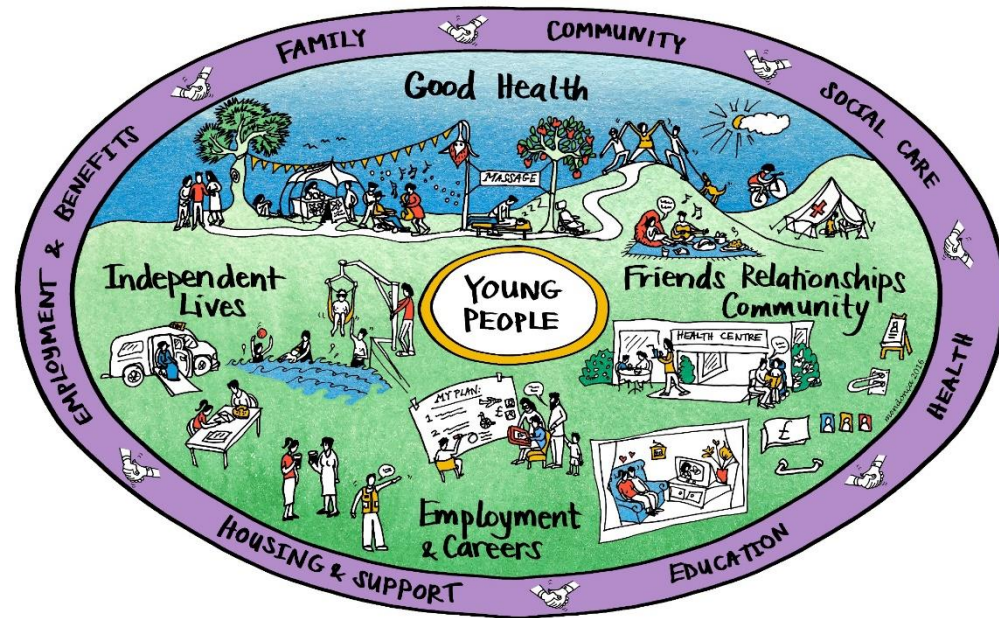


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# Our offer

- Regional support
- Demonstration sites
- Advice and support to DfE and other National bodies
- Best practice and information

## PARTNERSHIP WORKING FOR PFA



Preparing for Adulthood  Planning for Life

# Our objectives:

- Demonstrate what's possible through demonstration sites
  - EHCP's and PfA
  - Local Offer and PfA
  - Integration and strategic joint commissioning
  - Strategic engagement of young people and parent carers
  - Employment and paid work for young people
  - Personalisation and personal budgets
- Provide advice and support to regional lead authorities
- Continue to engage the Post 16 sector but also support PfA outcomes across the sectors - PfA from the earliest years
- Continue the progress of young people being supported into paid work
- Ensure effective dissemination and learning through our best practice and information strand
- Provide support to DfE and raise the profile of PfA



# Demonstration sites

Region	Local Authority	PfA Good Practice Area
London	Kingston and Richmond	EHCP/Integration/Strategic engagement
West Midlands	Dudley	Local Offer/EHCP/Strategic engagement
North West	Cheshire West and Chester	Local Offer/Personalisation/Employment
East Midlands	Rutland	EHCP/Personalisation/Integrated working
Y and H	Leeds	Local Offer/EHCP/Strategic engagement
South East	Portsmouth	Local Offer/Integrated working
North East	Newcastle	Employment/Personal Budgets/EHCP
South West	Bath and NE Somerset	Employment/EHCP
East of England	Hertfordshire	Strategic engagement/Employment/Integrated working

# Regional support

- Regional liaison and support to leads
- PfA regional learning networks
- Employment pathway networks
- Preparing for Adulthood partnership events
- Sharing of knowledge from demonstration sites across the region and beyond
- Best practice and information – website, learning examples, e-bulletin, twitter, video, conferences



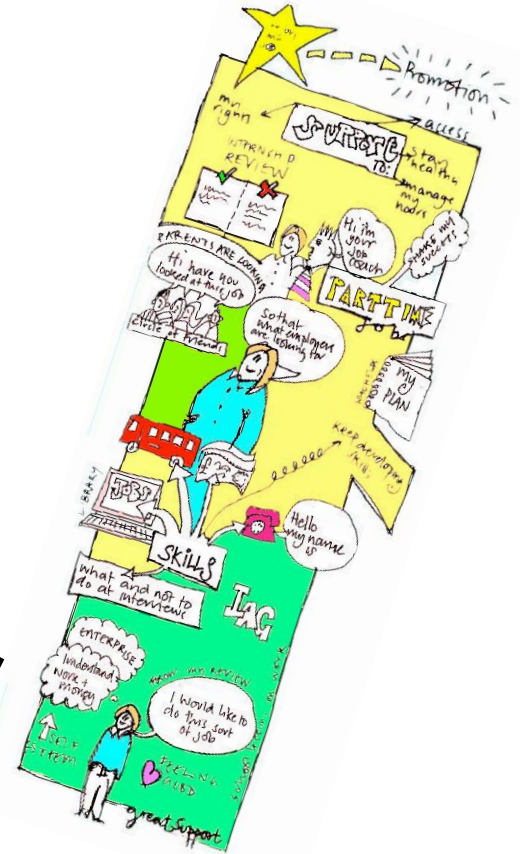
# Reform in practice: Preparation for adulthood

## – what have we learnt so far?

- Support needs to start early thinking about:
- **Pathways to employment** - including exploring different employment options, such as support for becoming self-employed and help from supported employment agencies;
  - **Independent living** - enabling people to have choice and control over their lives and the support they receive and their accommodation and living arrangements, including supported living;
  - **Participating in society** - including having friends and supportive relationships, and participating in, and contributing to, the local community; and
  - Being as **healthy** as possible in adult life.



- **Local offer**
- All areas have a local offer and some good examples for preparing for adulthood emerging.
- Developing use of technology like Wikis
- Local Offer live



**Young People's Zone**  
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# EHCP's – the golden thread

Aspirations

Needs

Outcomes

Provision

- Shared understanding of developing outcomes for young people
- Greater understanding of the evidence base for PfA outcomes – Employment, Health, Independent Living, Friends relationships and community
- Peer review of EHCP's in some regions
- Exemplars to come out of demonstration sites



# Engagement of young people

- Better evidence of young people contributing to their plans
- Young people starting to be involved more strategically
- Development of young commissioners and young inspectors to support reforms
- Planning for Life



# Integrated working and joint commissioning

- LAs, colleges and other providers - engaged on a joint 'preparing for adulthood' plan as part of implementing reforms
- LA's working towards a 0-25 Integrated Service across Education, Health and Care
- Trying to join up the dots between IPC, Transforming Care and 0-25 reforms

## Still a long way to go.....

- Personal budgets – especially education and health
- Keeping inclusion on the agenda – numbers in mainstream schools are decreasing and the numbers of young people excluded with SEN increasing
- Joining the dots across government programmes – IPC, Transforming Care etc.
- Influx of interim posts
- Austerity and funding!!!





## Video links

- <https://www.youtube.com/user/PrepforAdulthood> - Wilf
- <https://vimeo.com/163406325> - Brookfield School
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLFG8DF77GA> Child friendly Leeds

**Friends**

**Participation**

**Work**

# What's working for you around inclusion and what are your challenges?

