THE SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSITION TEAM

SUPPORTING YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

INFORMATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
The transition team at Surrey County Council is here to support you and your family during this period. They will work with you to understand what your ongoing care and support needs might be, help you to identify and achieve your goals, and find out what services might be available to support you.

If you are between the ages of 14 and 25 you may be thinking about your future, what might happen when you leave school or college and how you can be as independent as you want to be?

This can be an exciting time in your life but the changes also might be worrying particularly if you have a learning disability or physical or sensory impairments.
These people might include your teachers, your doctor or health practitioner, as well as other care providers. They will work together to make sure that you have the right support in place that helps you to live in a fulfilling and independent way.

Supporting you through transition is key to building a good foundation for your early adult life.
When you are 14 the transition team will begin to work with your school and the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Post 16 team. Wherever possible we try to attend your school reviews from this point, especially if you have complex needs. The aim is to try and find out what you would like to do after leaving school.

Our colleagues in the SEND Post 16 team will support you through your education and assist you through the various education and training options – of which there are many – to help you think about what route might be most suitable.

They will work alongside your school careers advisor, or any other practitioners providing support, to help you make the best decision for you. The aim is to try and find out what you would like to do next so we can start to support you when you reach 18.
Alternatives to school

You have to take part in some form of education or training until you are 18. However, this does not mean you have to stay at school/college as learning can also be achieved in many different ways.

Here are some other options you might like to consider:

• Develop skills on a social care skills programme
• Move into supported living and develop daily living skills with support
• Go into full time employment or volunteering (of 20 hours or more per week) if combined with accredited part time education or training.
• Sign up to full time education (known as a study programme) at a college, school or with a training provider
• Take up an apprenticeship, traineeship or supported internship

If you’re not participating in education, training or employment you will be offered advice about other options.
Leading up to your eighteenth birthday a member of the Adult Social Care transition team will arrange a meeting to find out all about you and your family.

Working with you and your family or guardian we can explore what practical support you might need to reach your goals and to be as independent as possible.

We call this part of the process ‘an assessment of your care and support needs’.

This may include:
- support to complete daily living tasks;
- getting into education or higher education;
- employment; and
- taking part in activities and getting out and about.

This may also include:
- any occupational therapy equipment or adaptations to your home to enable improved independence which may in turn reduce the need for care from someone else.

The transition team will help you and your family through this process. We will always make sure you have someone to help you complete this assessment.
The people looking after you will also be part of the assessment – whether that is your carer, such as your mum or dad, brother or sister or someone else close to you.

This is to make sure their needs are identified and understood too so that they may continue to provide the care and support you need.

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This could be:
- helping them find the right way to have a break from caring;
- having emotional support;
- knowing where to access information;
- helping access education and training; or
- getting back to work.

It may also include referring to organisations for their specialist support such as:
- Voluntary organisations for carers and young carers;
- Mental health organisations; or
- Other community and voluntary organisations and resources.
Are you eligible to receive our funded support?

You are eligible to receive our support

OR

You are not eligible to receive our support

Based on the information you and those caring for you have provided for the assessment, the transition team will be able to see if you are eligible to receive funded social care support.

Your ‘eligibility’ is determined under the legislation in the Care Act 2014. This means that we consider your care and support needs that arise from, or are related to a physical or mental impairment or illness. We also need to know what you are able to achieve with or without support, and as a result, if your wellbeing is likely to be significantly affected.

Don’t worry, we will try to find someone who can give you information and advice, even if you are not eligible to receive our support.

If you do not meet this eligibility criteria, then we will provide advice, information and signpost you to other organisations who may be able to help.
Let's create your support plan

If your needs are eligible for funded Adult Social Care support we will work with you to find the right support to help you to be as independent as possible to meet your future life goals.

A member of the transition team will work with you, your family or carer to put together your support plan. You will also receive a financial assessment to work out if you need to make a financial contribution towards your care.

Great! You’re eligible for funding! Let’s get you the right support

The plan might include:
- the care and support you need to do everyday things;
- the support you need to continue your education;
- support to explore paid or unpaid work opportunities;
- help with finances;
- taking part in activities to get you out and about;
- help with decisions about where you want to live; and
- relationship or wellbeing advice.
When we know what support you need, we will work out how much the support will cost, whether you need to pay for some of the support through your own funds or benefits, and what we will help to fund from Adult Social Care.

The funds that pay for your support are called a ‘Direct Payment’ or ‘Personal Budget’. We will usually provide you with a pre paid account to help you to pay for any services that we have identified you need or find the best way to help you to pay for these services.
Once your support is up and running we will regularly check that the support is working in the way you want, is meeting your needs and that it supports your whole family. These regular reviews help us to update the plan if anything changes as you go through transition to adulthood. Your support will continue when we transfer you to your local area Locality Team once your support package is settled.

This may be at times when you:

• leave education;

• want to try new challenges; or

• move into new supported accommodation, or a new area.
In case of emergency or crisis between 5pm and 9am you can contact the Emergency Duty Team on:

Tel: 01483 517898
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SMS number: 07800 000388
(for deaf and hard of hearing callers online)
To make a call via text direct, please dial 18001 01483 517898
Email: edt.ssd@surreycc.gov.uk

If you would like to talk to the transition team to see how they may be able to support you on your transition journey, please contact us:

on 01276 800270, 9am-5pm Monday to Friday
or email transitionteam@surreycc.gov.uk

More information is available at www.surreycc.gov.uk and www.surreyinformationpoint.org.uk
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