

Topics of Importance PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD 2022

<p>Who is this response from? (i.e., service, panel, person?) Please consider all relevant areas suggested above, and state where areas are not applicable.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Sullivan Ash SEN Lead Post 16/Preparation for Adulthood Peterborough City Council</p>
<p>Area of concern</p>	<p>Response</p>
<p>1. There are concerns over changes to benefit, primarily the DLA ending and the related concerns over:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether a young person will qualify for PIP b. How to apply for PIP c. Lack of understanding over appointeeship 	<p>1. a & b;</p> <p>We can understand that parents are having difficulties understanding the changes that have arisen around PIP (Personal Independence Payment), which is the benefit that's gradually replacing DLA (Disability Living Allowance) for people aged 16 or older.</p> <p>Thank you for making us aware of this. The Preparation for Adulthood-Independent Living page on the SEND Information Hub (local offer) has a link to 'money and benefits' which provides clarity about these recent changes, and we would advise parents to use the local offer more frequently to help them navigate their way around changes. There is also a link on the SEND Information Hub (local offer) to welfare benefits and this should also be of support to young adults and parents. Should anyone wish to speak to someone in person about this the advice is to speak to Disability Peterborough on Disability Peterborough: 01733 265551 info@disabilitypeterborough.org</p> <p>The feedback from parents at the Preparation for Adulthood meetings (PfA Employment Group) is around understanding finance and benefits especially after a change of circumstance. We have responded this year by directing young adults and parents/carers to benefits calculators on the SEND Information Hub (local offer) webpages</p> <p>Use one of the following calculators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn2us - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit and how your benefits will be affected if you start work or change your working hours • Policy in Practice - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, contribution-based benefits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit, how these are calculated and how your benefits will be affected if you start work or change your working hours • entitledto - for information on income-related benefits, tax credits, contribution-based benefits, Council Tax Reduction, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit and how your benefits will be affected if you start work <p>You can find more detailed information by viewing the GOV.UK Benefits calculators webpage</p> <p>c. Thank you for bringing this to our attention this does come</p>

	<p>up through the EHCP annual review process and the team signing posting Children, Young People and Parent/carers to the Peterborough Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN). The PfA Independent Living page does signpost to information and where to go to get help through a charity called DOSH</p> <p>https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/service.page?id=oGVKGW2ejxc</p> <p>DOSH supports people with a learning disability to be able to manage their money. We provide financial advocacy, appointment for benefits and account management for self-directed support budgets. We believe that everyone should have personalised support to use their money in the way they want and for the things they enjoy. The DOSH Promise tells you how we support people.</p> <p>We can create a bespoke package of support that does exactly what you want. This could include support with benefits, budgeting, bills, banking, direct payments and much more! Who to contact</p> <p>Telephone 0300 303 1288</p> <p>E-mail info@dosh.org</p> <p>Website www.dosh.org/</p> <p>The SEND Information Hub (local offer) also directs families to The Money Carer Foundation</p> <p>https://fis.peterborough.gov.uk/kb5/peterborough/directory/service.page?id=ZR8LuRjA-EA</p>
<p>2. There are also corresponding concerns on the impact on household finances, especially where a young person is in the family home aged between 16 – 18 and 18 – 25.</p>	<p>Thank you for letting us know this, it is exactly what young adults and parents are telling us when they come to the Preparation for Adulthood meetings and when we consult with them through the Preparation for Adulthood consultation group. The impact on household finances when a young adult starts part time work or is offered paid full-time employment, is something that the group have been asked specifically to respond to. As all family scenarios are different, we can only signpost to support. We have reported on this above, but parents and young adults fed back that they were happy that this year we updated references to benefits calculators on the Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) to help them.</p> <p>The Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) pages about welfare benefits should also be a source of support and if parents would prefer to speak or meet with support services locally then this service should be able to help;</p> <p>Disability Peterborough: 01733 265551 info@disabilitypeterborough.org</p> <p>We will continue to keep this a focus in the meetings going forward and thank all family voice representatives in the meetings for helping us understand the real-life experiences of</p>

	the family.
3. Parent carers reporting being unprepared for the changes between children's and adult services.	<p>This is a topic that comes up a lot in the meetings (PfA Independent Living and PfA Health) from parents and young adult representatives. We have tried hard over the last couple of years to help clarify this and to make it easier to navigate. The Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) pages have been updated and are still in the process of being updated to support you with this. Please look at the PfA Independent Living page and the PfA Good Health page . We do ask the young adults and parents on the groups to review this to ensure it is as clear as possible. Health and social care colleagues and teams working on this will be sending out questionnaires and opportunities for feedback. Please do continue to support us with ensuring we get the right information to you by responding to the questionnaires and feedback. Some of the schools and colleges have held transition evenings this year where representatives from all services have been there to help parents and young adults with their questions. We are also planning a transitions event in 2023 at one of the colleges and representatives from family voice will be supporting with this event as will Peterborough SEND young adults. We are also happy to continue to hold more forums on this topic, so parents have the opportunity be supported in their preparation for the changes ahead of them</p>
4. Lack of information at transition points.	<p>This is a topic families and young adults have informed us of through the PfA meetings (all groups) and through EHCP Annual reviews during the year. It would be useful to have more specific information about whether the information relates to transition between educational settings, from children to adult social care or transitions to adult health services.</p> <p>We have been focusing efforts on transition planning in all areas. In education we have new transition officers in the Statutory Assessment and Monitoring Teams. The colleges and schools now have nominated staff in place to support children and young adults as they transition from one school to another, from school to college, out of education and from key stage to key stage. -We have measured the impact of this, and it has been positive. Social care and health colleagues have worked to support the clarity of their pathways as young adults transition through their services. The Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) has been extensively updated with information to help with this.</p> <p>We have also extended a PfA Helpline this year for parents/carers and young adults to be supported. This is available on the first Wednesday of each month between 1-3pm.</p>
5. Anxiety and fear over what the future may hold for the young person, including where they will	<p>Thank you for highlighting this with us and it is something that the PfA meetings feel is a topic that is not discussed enough through the ECHP process and we need to ensure we have the correct services there to provide information to the</p>

<p>live and who will look after</p>	<p>parents/carers and young people. Through the PfA meetings we have been told that the skills for children and young adults to live as independently as possible is addressed. We have promoted a resource called <u>PfA Outcomes across the age ranges for children and young people with SEND</u> for all families and professionals through the Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN), at the forums and information sessions throughout the year. It is such a useful tool. The Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) is updated regularly with guides, toolkits and case studies to support young adults with SEND achieve paid employment, independent living and housing options, good health, friendships relationships and community inclusion. We are focusing on the 18-25 age group this year. The Local Authority is trying to be at the forefront of raising expectations for the best possible outcomes for young people with SEND as they transition from education to adulthood. We are delighted to be supporting a Project Search for the next three years with the National Health Service in Peterborough to gain as many paid employment positions as possible for those on the supported internship programme. This year, 8 young adults started with Peterborough Hospital, and we are hoping to increase this over the next three years. The Independent Living pages on the Local Offer (Peterborough Information Network PIN) can help parent navigate their anxiety and fears for the future. There are some very useful guides, for example; <u>'No place like Home'</u> a housing and support guide from The Council for Disabled Children and <u>'Preparing for Adult Life- a parents guide'</u> .</p> <p>Moving forward we now have managed to get support from the housing team to participate in the PfA Independent Living group.</p>
<p>6.A lot of telling what the issue/ concern is more than once, leading to feeling overwhelmed and not being heard.</p>	<p>As a Local Authority we have been trying to find creative ways of establishing children and young people's needs and aspirations, and use this to develop outcomes across education, health and social care. We have an auditing and training process where we have been focusing on a "golden thread" running through EHC plans, linking aspirations, needs, outcomes and provision. Outcomes should be person-centred, holistic, supportive of aspirations and be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant and timed). Through this we receive regular feedback from parents/carers going through the EHCP processes. A new EHC plan format is now in use and the response so far has been very positive, with specific feedback about how it is supporting discussions between young people and professionals.</p> <p>We have also been working towards ensuring the EHC Plans being person-centred and developed through engagement with the young person and their family.</p> <p>We have also developed in conjunction with Family Voice a half termly listening events for parents/carers to listen to their lived</p>

	<p>experience and to then feed that into the strategic work we are doing to improve the services for the children, young people and their families. This meeting involves a representative from Education, Health and Social care so the parent/carers can say it once.</p> <p>There has also been another meeting developed where the SEND team meet with the access champions again to listen to the lived experiences and take the themes back to feed in to the strategic work that is happening in Peterborough City Council.</p>