

‘Ten Year Youth strategy – disabled young people too!’

Transition Information Network Seminar

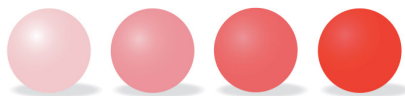
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Transition Policy Update

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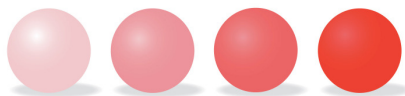
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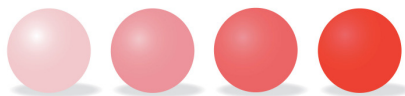
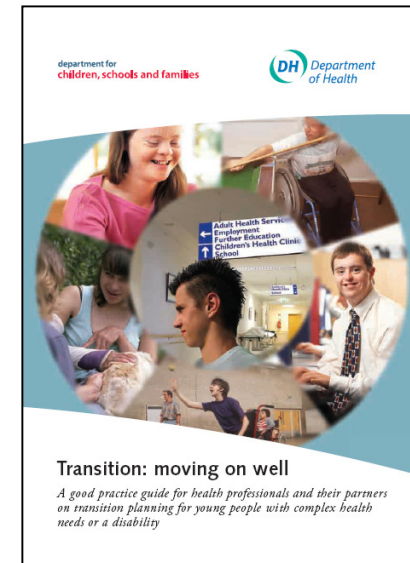
Transition Information Network

- Based at the Council for Disabled Children
- Alliance of organisations
- Exists to improve disabled young people's experience of the transition to adulthood
- Join TIN to receive publications and updates
 - Seminars
 - Magazine and Newsletter
 - Website
 - Working with central and local governments to improve policy and practice



National Policy and Guidance

- NHS Operating framework 08/09
- DH Transition guide: moving on well 2008
- Independent Living strategy 2008
- Aiming High for Disabled Children 2007
- Valuing People & Valuing People Now 2007
- Improving Life Chances of Disabled People 2005
- DDA & DED
- Our health, our care, our say 06 – DASS
- Children's National Service Framework: Standards 4 & 8, 2004

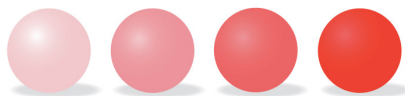


Independent Living strategy

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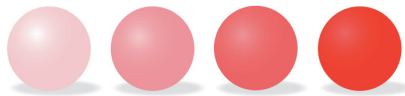
- Promoting independent living
- Action and Learning Sites and Regional Initiatives
- Housing
- Transport and mobility
- Health
- Employment and economic wellbeing
- Personalisation, choice and control
- Support, information, advocacy and brokerage
- Older people
- **Young disabled people in transition to adulthood**
- Disabled Parents

<http://www.officefordisability.gov.uk/working/independentlivingstrategy.asp>



Cont: Independent Living strategy

- as a first step, deliver a **Transition Support Programme**
- deliver the cross-government strategy **for post-16 learners with learning difficulties/disabilities**
- carry out a public consultation on specialist **disability employment programmes** for disabled people
- **reduce NEET**
- support young disabled people to become independent users of **transport**
- address the **housing needs** of young disabled people by their inclusion in action to prevent homelessness amongst young people
- support young disabled people to become active members of their community through their inclusion in the **Young Advisors Programme**
- carry out a scoping study with a view to piloting and evaluating **individual budgets** for disabled children and young people.



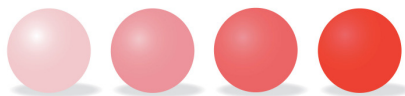
Valuing People Now 2007

The big priorities

- Personalisation
- **What people do during the day**
- Better health
- Access to housing
- Making sure that change happens

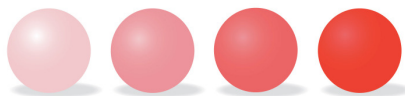
The wider agenda

- Advocacy and rights
- Partnership with families
- Including everyone
- People as local citizens
- **Making the transition to adulthood a positive experience**
- Improving the workforce



14-19 education

- Learning for Living and Work
 - the national strategy for LSC funded provision for learners with learning difficulties and or disabilities across the FE system
- Raising the school leaving age to 17 by 2013 and 18 by 2015
- Foundation Learning Tier
- Diplomas
- Apprenticeship programme expansion



a transition guide for all services

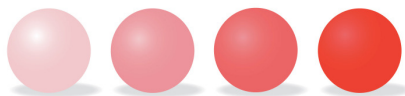
key information for professionals
about the transition process for
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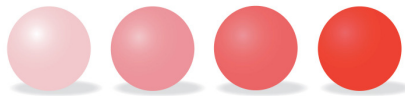


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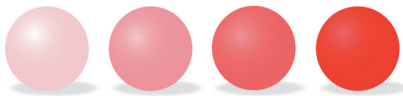
Why is transition so difficult to get right?

- Is a fluid process, spread out over a number of years
- Post 16 options for disabled young people are limited
- Support can be patchy and inconsistent
- Age at which young people move from one service to another differs
 - paediatric to adult health services at 16
 - children's to adult social care at 18
 - alongside the transition stages in their education
- Young people who receive support from social care services face stringent eligibility criteria set by to manage their limited resources.



Elements that make up good transition

- Multi-agency transition protocol & multi-agency working
- Information for young people & parents
- Person-centred transition reviews and participation
- Transport involvement Evaluation of provision
- Information Advice and Guidance – Connexions
- Post-16 Opportunities
- Leisure services
- Youth services and activities



Aiming High

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Aiming high for children: supporting families

March 2007

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Aiming high for disabled children: better support for families

May 2007

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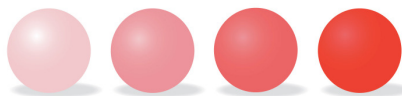
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Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities

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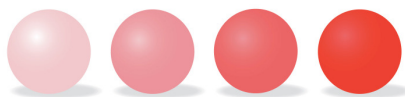
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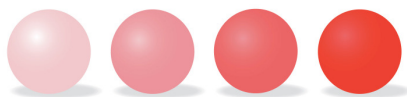
Aiming High for disabled children: better support for families

- Short breaks- £280 m + £90m
- Childcare - £35 m
- Transition Support Programme - £19 m
- Parent Forums - £5 m
- Individual Budgets



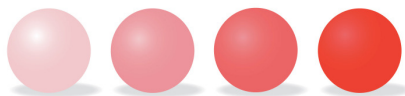
Transition Support Programme

- The Council for Disabled Children and partners will act as the **national transition support team** for the AHDC Transition Support Programme
- The TSP will raise the standards of transition support and provision and achieve greater consistency in all local areas
- The national transition support team will coordinate the work with local authorities, PCTs and regional advisers.



Cont: Transition Support Programme The national transition support team

- **Drive and shape** the programme in local areas through work with regional advisers, and disabled young people and their families;
- **Engage with and exchange** good practice in transition through websites, targeted information sheets and other resources to help build capacity;
- **Identify the support needs** of local areas and work in partnership with regional advisers, the Department for Children Schools and Families and the Department of Health to improve transition practice



Aiming High for disabled children

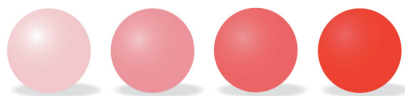
Keep up to date with implementation of Aiming High via
Every Child Matters Website:

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/ahdc>

For Transition Support Programme

<http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/ahdc/transition/>

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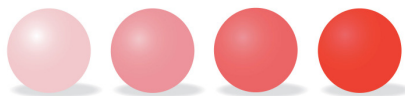
TransMap

Plan

- Identify areas that demonstrate effective practice in transition.
- To identify the elements that make up successful transition.
- To look at the impact of new initiatives on Transition.

Process

- A cross section of local areas were identified that we would look in depth at their transition process.
- Other authorities were involved to highlight specific areas of good practice.
- The local authorities that were chosen incorporates those undertaking new initiatives such as:
 - Short Breaks pathfinders
 - Improving Choices / Learning for Living and Work
 - Self-Directed Support
 - Person-Centred Review processes.



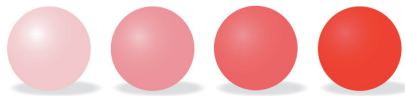
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Top Three Areas of Development

- Multi-agency working and processes
- Developments in education and employment opportunities
- The provision of information

Three Most Challenging Areas

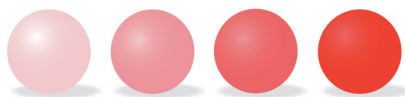
- The participation of young people
- Transition Assessment Processes
- The engagement of health services in transition processes



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The information gathered will:

- feed into national developments in transition
- be used to produce tools to be used by local authorities to support them in developing their practice
- produce case studies
- All on TIN website.



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