

# Pathway from Children's Services to Adult Services



## Welcome to Adult Social Care





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As you get older you will move from being supported by a children's social work team to an adult's social work team.



The move from a children's social work team to an adult's social work team is called a Transition.



The adults social work team is called the Transition Team. The social workers from the children's and adult's teams will start talking to you about the move when you are 14 years old. The move will happen when you are 18 years old.



These are the things we will talk about in this booklet

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|   | <p>Transition Team</p>              |   | <p>Paying for support</p>  |
|   | <p>Social Care Needs Assessment</p> |   | <p>Direct Payments</p>     |
|   | <p>Support Plan</p>                 |   | <p>Mental Capacity Act</p> |
|  | <p>Education Health Care Plan</p>   |  | <p>Advocacy</p>            |

# Transition Team

The Transition Team has Social Workers who help young people and their families as they move from children's services to adult services.



We help young people who have disabilities and / or additional educational needs.



A Social Worker from the Transition Team will aim to start getting to know you from the age of 14. They will do this by attending reviews at school or college.



We work with other teams e.g. Health and Education professionals in both adults and children's services.



They will work alongside you, your parent or carer and your Children's Social Worker to find out what you want to happen when you transition from Children's to Adult services.



The Transition team make sure that you and your parent or carer have all the information and support that you need.

# Social Care Assessment



A social care assessment is the way we decide if you have needs that we can support you with. This is Law under the Care Act 2014. This assessment will look at what is working well for you.



About any health conditions you might have.



If you want to read more about the Care Act 2014 you can find this on the internet at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).



If you would like to get a job.









We will ask you some questions about your life in the assessment.



Who are your family and friends?

# Social Care Assessment

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|  | Do you like where you live?   |   | Travelling for example do you get the bus by yourself?  |
|  | Questions about money like do you have your own bank card? Are you claiming benefits and do you need support with this? |   | Education and Training for example would you like to learn something new?   |
|  | Do you like to do activities like swimming or the gym?  |  | When you are 18 a support plan will be completed with you which will explain how your needs are going to be met. We will start to get to know you when you turn 14. |

# EHCP



An Education Health Care Plan is known as an EHCP.



The local authority is responsible for updating the EHCP.



This is a legal document which describes a child or young person's educational, health and social care needs, the support they need and the outcomes they wish to achieve.



If support is still required once the young person turns 25, services will need to work together to ensure a smooth transition to adult life and make sure the young person receives the right support from adult services where needed.



The EHCP is reviewed every year and can stay in place if required until the young person turns 25.

## Paying for support



Children's Services help you for free.  
When you turn 18 years old and need support from adult services this usually costs you money.



A Financial Assessment will be completed by the  
Financial Assessment Team (FACT).



This is how we work out how much Knowsley council will  
pay and how much you might pay for any adult services  
you need in the future.



# Direct Payments



Direct Payments allow you to be in control of your money and choose:



Who supports you?



How you are supported?



When you get your support?

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# Direct Payments



Direct Payments are paid into your bank account. You will need to have an account just for Direct Payments, so it doesn't get mixed up with any other money.



Your Social Care Worker will talk through the different types of accounts to help you decide the best one for you and will include the person who supports you to manage your money if that is required.









Knowsley Disability Concern (KDC) can help you find a personal assistant and give you more information about what this is. KDC can also support with any issues you may have with direct payments.

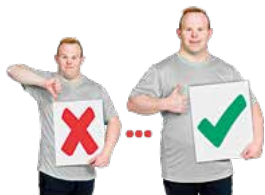


For more information on Direct Payments, you can call 0151 480 4090 or visit the website [www.kdc.org.uk](http://www.kdc.org.uk).

# Mental Capacity Act

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|   | <p>The Mental Capacity Act is all about making decisions. It is law.</p>  |   | <p>A small number of people cannot make any decisions.</p>  |
|  | <p>Some people are able to make every decision about their own lives.</p> |  | <p>Being unable to make a decision is called not having capacity.</p>   |
|   | <p>Some people are able to make some decisions.</p>                       |   | <p>The Mental Capacity Act is about making sure that people have the support they need to make as many decisions as possible. Family and important people in your life can support you to make decisions.</p> |

# Mental Capacity Act



The Mental Capacity Act makes sure decisions made for people who do not have capacity are in their best interest.



The Mental Capacity Act also protects people who need family, friends or paid support staff to make decisions for them.



If you want to read more about the Mental Capacity Act, you can find this on the internet at [www.local.gov.uk](http://www.local.gov.uk)

# Advocacy

**Advocacy** means getting support from another person to help you express your views and wishes, and help you stand up for your rights. Someone who helps you in this way is called your advocate. Advocacy can support you to:

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|  | Have your views and wishes heard.  |  | Advocates will not provide support in relation to Money Matters  |
|  | Make an important decision.  |  | To make a referral for an advocate you can visit the website at <a href="http://www.n-compass.org.uk/our-services/advocacy">www.n-compass.org.uk/our-services/advocacy</a> |
|  | Support you with things you may need help with, such as where you want to live or your care and support. |  | Or Email: <a href="mailto:referral@knowsleyadvocacyhub.org.uk">referral@knowsleyadvocacyhub.org.uk</a><br>Or Call 03450 138 208  |

# Safeguarding



Safeguarding is keeping people safe from abuse and or neglect.



Abuse/neglect is when someone hurts you or treats you badly or fails to provide care for you. Abuse and neglect are always wrong and should never happen.



If you are worried about abuse or neglect taking place you can phone Adults Social Care Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0151 443 2600



Or you can tell us by raising a safeguarding concern online on our website - [www.forms.knowsley.gov.uk/AdultSafeguarding](http://www.forms.knowsley.gov.uk/AdultSafeguarding)

If you want to learn more you can visit -  
[Adult-Safeguarding-easy-read-with-photosymbols.pdf](#)



To request a social care needs  
assessment please contact us on  
0151 443 2600