

Transition into Adulthood

Bromley's vision is to enable young people aged 14+ with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to live, learn and work within their local community, achieve sustained progression, resulting in better life outcomes.

Education, Health and Care Plans

Bromley are developing Education, Health and Care Plans that raise aspirations, focus on sustainable outcomes and progress young people towards their long term goals across four key pathways:

- **Community inclusion** – developing friends, relationships and sustainable networks of support
- **Employment** – opportunities to experience the world of work and get paid employment
- **Independent living** – maximising skills to live as independently as possible
- **Good health** – maintaining good health and a healthy lifestyle

Transition Team (14+)

The Bromley Transition Team is responsible for providing care and support services to adults with learning disabilities over the age of 18 living in the London Borough of Bromley who need help to get the most out of their lives or to live safely and independently. They also have a legal duty to provide services to support families in Bromley who care for an adult with learning disabilities.

The Transition Team will provide services to the age of 23 and then transfer to the Bromley Adult Learning Disabilities Team, also known as the Assessment and Support Team. The Transition Team can provide information and advice to individuals who may require support. The team will assess the needs of the individual further to establish eligibility in order to access the service.

The council uses Department of Health rules to decide if adults over the age of 18 can get help under the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

The Transition Team will work with the young person and their family or carer, doctor, community nurse and/or any other health professionals involved, including their teachers and advocates. The young person would be encouraged to tell the team the type of support they need and their hopes and aspirations they want to work towards within the next stages of their lives.

For those who regularly provide care for someone who needs help to live at home, they have the right to a Carers Assessment, which can help make caring easier for individuals through professional advice and support. This Carers Assessment can either be done as part of the young person's assessment or at a separate date.

Eligibility Fair Access to Care Services – Once the young person's needs have been assessed the Transition Team will then decide if they are eligible for help, using guidance set up by the Department of Health, called 'Fair Access to Care Services'.

The young person's risks to independence will be assessed in four eligibility bands ranging from 'low' to 'critical'. Bromley Council gives priority to those with the greatest needs and can only provide care services to people whose needs are assessed as 'critical' or 'substantial'. If their needs fall below the threshold, the young person will be directed to other sources for help and advice.

More information can be found in the booklet 'Can You Get Help from Social Services?' available on Bromley Council's website: www.bromley.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth

- For further information, please contact
Tel: 020 8461 7149
Fax: 020 8461 7005
Email: ldtransition@bromley.gov.uk

Transition Information Network

A website for people who support disabled young people in transition to adulthood. Provides information about the transition process that will be useful to professionals, parents and carers. Also a section for young people that talks about the transition process and gives links to helpful resources.

- Tel: 020 7843 6006
Email: tin@ncb.or.uk
www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk

Bromley College of Further and Higher Education Rookery Lane, Bromley, BR1 8HE

The college completed a 2.4million project in 2013 to remodel their facilities, enabling young people with more complex needs to access provision within the local college. The college works closely with families and other agencies to enable smoother transition from school to college.

- General enquiries: 020 8295 7000
Minicom: 020 8295 7097
Email: info@bromley.ac.uk
www.bromley.ac.uk

Disability Employment Advisor

Advice and information on employment and supported employment options to ensure young people are able to access appropriate work opportunities

- Manager: 020 8271 5162
28 Elmfield Road, Bromley, BR1 1NX
Tel: 0845 604 3719 (General Number)
Direct line: 020 8271 5383

Preparing for Adulthood Team

The Bromley Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Team supports young people with more complex needs aged 14-25yrs to maximise their potential for independence as they prepare for adult life.

Bromley has three PfA Coordinators whose role it is to work with eligible young people and their families to develop Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans that meet identified needs and support long term goals. Each PfA Coordinator supports young people and families within a portfolio of Schools, Further Education and Specialist Colleges. Work starts with young people from age 14yrs in their school (Y9) and continues through into further education.

The local authority work in close partnership with schools and the PfA Coordinators make their initial contact with young people and their families through the school's annual review process.

Skills Funding Agency

Ensuring that people and businesses can access the skills training they need to succeed in playing their part in society.

- Tel: 0845 377 5000

If you are a learner looking for funding or information: Please contact the National Career Service for advice and information on:

- Tel: 0808 100 900
Email: info@skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk
www.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk

Open University

Equal People is a pack for people with learning disabilities, staff and their carers in the community, residential, advocacy and educational settings. It can be studied individually, with a partner or in groups. Written accessibly, using pictures, videos and audio tapes. 'Equal People' looks at better ways of working together controlling and planning change and what people with learning difficulties can do with the right opportunities. Topics include: finding out about the past and the present, recognising and dealing with discrimination, local policies and services, making choices and good communication.

The pack was produced in collaboration with Mencap and People First.

- The Open University, PO Box 197, Milton Keynes, MK7 6BJ
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www.open.ac.uk

The Association of National Specialist Colleges

Co-ordinating body to provide direct support to member colleges, which provide education and training for young people with learning difficulties or disabilities.

The association also acts as the national voice for specialist colleges.

- Tel: 0117 923 2830
www.natspec.org.uk

Nash College (Bromley)

Nash College is an independent specialist college for learners with moderate to profound learning disabilities, including; physical disabilities, complex medical needs and autism. Each student has a 'living and learning champion' to support their individual care plan, which is reviewed regularly to meet their ongoing needs.

- Tel: 020 8315 4800
Email: admin@nash.livability.org.uk
www.nashcollege.org.uk
www.livability.org.uk

Skill

(National Bureau for Students with Disabilities)

- Tel: 020 7450 0620
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Helpline: 0800 328 5050
Textphone: 0800 068 2422
Email: skill@skill.org.uk
www.skill.org.uk

