**Special educational needs and disability reforms: Technical consultation on transitional arrangements**

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | DfE | 10. Please provide any further comments on the transitional arrangements here:  We would welcome further guidance on the process if a young person or parent carer requests a personal budget prior to their statement being converted. Should this trigger a conversion or is it envisaged that the personal budget will be delivered via the Statement? We are receiving numerous reports that families are being told that they can not have a personal budget until their statement is converted.  We are also concerned that there is no reference to consideration of how young people who are Neet can be supported back into education / training. The LA will have records of young people who have left education perhaps because effective support was not in place and there at least needs to be a system to get information out to these young people and their families about the new opportunities offered by the new system.  Linked to this we are concerned that young people who are 18 or above and have less time to benefit from the new system are not being prioritised. In some cases we are aware that young people with LDA’s that are expected to end before April 2016 are being seen as low priority for conversion but this is making assumption around the lack of benefit of these young people continuing education and may result in missed opportunities.  We feel that there should be a stronger message around the need for local authorities to work with organisations such as local parent carer forums and parent partnership when producing local transition plans. We also feel that there should be a requirement that the local offer of support during conversion should be explicit and recognise the range of knowledge and experience that is needed, it is unlikely that it can be delivered through one organisation. | |  |  | |

Thank you for taking the time to let us have your views.