

Topic of Importance Response

Deadline for response:	07.04.2021
Topic of Importance	Preparing for Adulthood
Areas for Consideration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are concerns over changes to benefit, primarily the DLA ending and the related concerns over: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Whether a young person will qualify for PIP How to apply for PIP b. Lack of understanding over appointeeship- 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 3. There is anxiety over social care charges relating to support via adult social care 4. Lack of knowledge/ awareness/ understanding around what is available in terms of home care support (respite/ domiciliary care/ independent living) 5. Concerns around how much families are involved in decision making 6. Concerns that families are not aware of the support available and where to find information.
Who is this response from? (ie, service, panel, person?) Please consider all relevant areas suggested above, and state where areas are not applicable.	<p>Graham Puckering- Head of Service 0-25 Adult Social Care Operations Peterborough City Council Sand Martin House Bittern Way Fletton Quays Peterborough PE2 8TY Email graham.puckering@peterborough.gov.uk Telephone: (01733) 207242</p> <p>Elizabeth Sullivan Ash SEN Lead Post 16/Preparation for Adulthood Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Services</p> <p>Peterborough City Council Sand Martin House Bittern Way Fletton Quays Peterborough PE2 8TY</p>
Response from local authority / services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Response- Information broadly about Welfare benefits is held on the Local Offer and links to the welfare benefits website. Social care do not have indepth knowledge of benefits such as PIP as it's not a social care responsibility. Information on appointeeship can be provided by the social workers for those eligible. Information broadly can be found on the local offer in the parents guide to transition. 2. Prior to 18 for young people living at home there are limited benefits and financial assistance that can be provided. Information on this can be found on the Local Offer with the link to Welfare Benefits. This link can also be used for those over 18 who are likely to have more eligibility for benefits. Young adults over 18 may be eligible for some benefits which

can be accessed through information on the local offer. There is no purely financial support the local Authority would provide to adults or their carers however assessed support can be provided which may include finances to purchase agreed services. All adults are financially assessed if receiving support and may have to contribute to some or all of their care costs dependent on their individual situations.

3. Information on charges for adults receiving care is clearly laid out on the Adult Local Offer. Workers for young people coming to adulthood will be advised by the social worker and will be supported to have a financial assessment completed which will clarify any responsible financial contributions from the young adult. For those young people not open to children's social care or open to early help services or Children's social work team (not 0-25) Adult social care will respond to any request for an adult social care eligibility assessment when requested at 17.5 years old. If eligible care and support needs are identified and these will be implemented at age 18 and any charges will be explained.
4. Children already allocated to a social worker in Peterborough (0-25 teams) will have the transitions social care needs identified and addressed before 18. At 17.5 children will be assessed for eligibility for access to adult social care and then what and how support may change. These changes are planned and due to be implemented at 18. It is of note that the 0-25 children's social work teams sit in adult social care directorate and maintain involvement up to the age of 25 if necessary meaning there is no social worker change at 18. Information on home care domiciliary care and independent living are available on the local offer and on the adult local offer. Social workers are also able to provide individual families with advice following assessment of eligible needs for this kind of support
5. We assume this means post 18. Families are appropriately involved prior to their child reaching 18. For those young people aged 16 to 18, young people will be considered as leads in the involvement of decisions about their life depending upon their individual capacity. For young people aged over 18 it might not be appropriate to involve parents in all aspects of the young person's needs. This will relate specifically to a young person's wishes and their mental capacity. Carers are always involved in adult social care planning with agreement of the adult cared for person. Information on the Local offer and parents' guide to transition reflects some of these changes legally as young people move into adulthood.
6. Information on transitions generally are available on the local offer and on the adult local offer. Social workers are also able to provide individual families with advice following assessment of eligible needs for any support available. For young people who do not have a social worker there is a lot of information and links to various organisations on the local offer and the Adult local offer which can offer advice and information on the support available to young adults. The parents guide to transitions on the local offer has a number of areas covered and information included to raise awareness of the changes in adulthood. Education have been improving the transitions process since the beginning of the COVID situation. In Sept 2020 we did not have one complaint from parents whose YP were transitioning to college. We are developing this offer and are working on the 5 day offer focusing on YP transitioning from Special schools. Currently we are working on a PfA pathways document which helps to clarify the transitions into Education options, health and social care. We have identified that parental expectations are not in line with the current offer. Parent information sessions are being set up in the special schools to address this starting from the end of this current academic year and the start of the new academic year 2021-22

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Actions / Impact of considerations (please use bullet points)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Information is added to the Local Offer with regard to appointeeship specifically. ● Perhaps regular sessions with FV and through schools/colleges information sessions relating to examples of students who have been through the transition process might help using YP to give the talks to other YP and to parents or parent ● We are inviting the local offer team to go into special schools and update parents about the Local Offer and how to use it. This started during 2020 where one of the local offer team went into a mainstream school. This has been held up due to Covid

Template note: One set for each service, group, panel to review.