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## **PfA Team Covid-19 Update June 2020**

You may have seen our previous update (27<sup>th</sup> May 2020), which informed you of the changes to the role of the Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) team during Covid-19. This informed you that the team took on the management and completion of young people's transitions where the young person was aged 17.5 – 18 years old. This was to support Devon's Adult Social Care teams in their response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The full update can be found [here](#).

We said we would provide you with updates through the SEND newsletter:

As the PfA team have temporarily taken on a different role, this has meant that for the past 10 weeks, the team have been unable to contact young people who are in academic years 10 and 11 to complete their initial Care Act assessment.

Recognising the importance of early preparatory work, we have benefited from specific Covid-19 funding. We have used this to temporarily recruit a part-time Senior Social Worker whose role will be contacting those young people in academic years 10 and 11 to complete their initial assessment.

Happily, this worker was, until recently, a part of the PfA team, we are really pleased to welcome them back on a temporary basis, and they are pleased to get started straight away! We have also been able to redirect another worker from our team to support this work.

So, if you haven't had your initial PFA contact please don't worry, we are working our way through the list and you should receive a call shortly.

We will continue to keep you updated and don't forget, there is information on the Local Offer about PfA so do take a look [here](#).