

# Preparing for Adulthood (PFA) is going to be called

## Transitions ASC Service (TASC)

(All part of the Transitions Transformation Project)

**12-month pilot to improve new pathways and partnerships**

**Starting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

### What does this mean?

We have been trying to improve the transitions pathway for the young people of Devon for a number of years, with the Children's SEND Inspection and our CQC Assurance framework coming online this year we are now in a prime position to dedicate the time and support to this agenda. Change can be daunting, but it can also be exciting, and we need everyone to contribute to this transformation to truly improve how we work.

This means that that PFA are working with County Disability Team and Reaching for Independence (RFI) supporting young people from age 17+ as previously agreed. From **1st April** these teams will start to implement a new way of working by streamlining Transitions through one team. Early input will continue and will be reviewed further to develop various ways of which we support and empower young people for the whole transition's pathway.

This is an emergent project with a large degree of complexity, it is multi-faceted and has many stakeholders. It will take time; we will respond to feedback and learn as we go. We have identified the following areas of work you may want to be involved in.

### Areas of work:

1. Prevention, information and advice and signposting
2. Consistent and creative practice
3. Housing and Employment opportunities
4. Workforce development
5. Partnership

### How is the Service changing:

At every stage of involvement (14-18 years) we will ensure better consistency and messaging for young people, making better use of technology, self-assessment, and group/peer support, focusing on using a strengths-based approach to achieve individual goals and aspirations.

Any young person, their parent, carer, or professional, that thinks they may have support needs post-18 should contact the Transitions service. We will have various levels of support, including a wealth of information, advice and guidance that could help make their journey easier.

We will collaborate closely with our partners to support young people from point of referral through to transition into the right support in a timely way. We will make sure advice and information is accessible for both young people and those who support them, empowering anyone working with young people to

have positive, informed conversations about the everybody's responsibility for preparing for adulthood, available community support and if required the provision of Adult Social Care.

We will work with children's and adult's operational teams and commissioning to ensure a timelier and consistent understanding of the services and housing needed for young people in Devon. Working closely with commissioning, collaborating with providers and the market to develop high quality housing and good value support services for our young people. We will promote independence and employment, encourage community engagement, and focus on what matters to the young people experiencing the transitions process.

**New Email address:** for these areas of transformational work, you will get emails from [adults.transitions-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:adults.transitions-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) to be involved in this exciting project and various workstreams.

**But still use the existing email address for referrals:** [preparingforadulthoodsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:preparingforadulthoodsecure-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) and referral form [online](#) for young people (14-18) you support. For young people aged 18 and over will continue to be referred via Care Direct Plus.

**Benefits for Community teams:** reducing impact on community teams! For those clients who have not been allocated and all new referrals as defined below.

### The young people covered by this new service are:

- Young people (14-18 yr. olds) likely to have Care Act eligible care and support needs post-18
- Young people (17+) on locality waiting list who have not received their transitions Care Act assessment
- Young people 18-25 who are in specialist education settings will be supported by this service to review their Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's) working with Children's services with this cohort.

### The young people not covered by this new service:

- Young people currently supported by Autism team, Specialist Placement team
- Young people already allocated to workers within locality teams will stay with them to ensure continuity of care
- Young people in receipt of/or who may be eligible for full adult continuing healthcare, other specialist services including adult mental health (We will work within our Partnership workstream to improve communication and engagement with Health for these young people)

### The teams directly affected by the change.

- **PFA team** – Now called the Transitions Adult Social Care (TASC) Service
- **CHSCT teams** – Locality teams will notice a reduction in the transition workload but will retain responsibility for ongoing reviews after the transitions process is completed.
- **County Disability Team** – CDT will support implementation.
- **Reaching for Independence team** – RFI will continue to support the implementation
- **Commissioning team** – will be working much more closely to understand need early
- **Education** – 0-25 team, school and colleges contact new Transitions team for any new referrals
- **Health professionals** - for an Social Care update on existing cases or any new referrals.
- **Childrens services** - for an update on existing cases or any new referrals.

*We will contact your teams to discuss involvement of various workstreams and look forward to improving our "Transitions Transformation" together.*