

### **BANES Parent Carer Voice**

[banesparentcarersvoice.co.uk](http://banesparentcarersvoice.co.uk)

A local charity supporting people who care for family and friends who need extra support day-to-day.

### **Youth Connect South West 01225 396980**

<https://www.youthconnectsouthwest.org.uk>

Works with young people aged 11-25 to support, challenge and enable the learning of young people to realise their full potential.

### **Off The Record 01225 312481**

[www.offtherecord-banes.co.uk](http://www.offtherecord-banes.co.uk) provide a range of free, confidential and independent services for children and young people that supports the development of their emotional health and well being.

### **Virgin Care <http://bathneshealthandcare.nhs.uk/>**

Provide health and social care support in B&NES.

### **Preparing for Adulthood [www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk](http://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk)**

### **Transition Information Network**

[www.transitioninforonetwork.org.uk](http://www.transitioninforonetwork.org.uk)

This document can be made available in a range of languages, large print, Braille, on tape, electronic and accessible formats .

## **Local First Framework 2021-22 Information for Parents/Carers**

### **Local First—what do we mean?**

To achieve the Preparing for Adulthood life outcomes, we believe in enabling young people with special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND) to gain their further education locally, whenever possible. Access to good quality local educational provision is considered beneficial for many young people preparing for adulthood, as it helps them to build independence and achieve their aspirations with a network of support in their local communities.

### **What do families need to do?**

As part of Education Health and Care planning from year 9, the following steps may be useful in investigating local provision options as a first step, with contact details overleaf:

1. **Approach your local College to discuss options**
2. **Consider a five day local Further Education bespoke package, to include respite and independent living support in 'wrap-around' support**
3. **A SEND Personal Budget can give full choice and control over tailoring support to need**
4. **Consider supported employment options**
5. **Referral to Local Authority Transitions Panel for consideration for Adult Social Services assessment**

**Further information, support and advice is available via:**

**SENCO** (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) based in all schools.

**SEND Team** 01225 394306

[special\\_educationalneeds@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:special_educationalneeds@bathnes.gov.uk). This team is responsible for completing the Education, Health and Care plan, organising provision and administering the plan. The SEND Practitioner for the young person can advise on local provision options.

**B&NES Budgets, Placements and Commissioning Officer**

Can advise and signpost on local provision options, and five day bespoke provision packages, and eligibility for SEND Personal Budgets where education funding can be linked to social care direct payments. Tel: 01225 394306

**SEND and Head of Inclusion Manager, Bath College**

01225 312191/328563

Please visit [www.bathcollege.ac.uk](http://www.bathcollege.ac.uk) to find information on a number of different courses to meet different abilities and academic levels, ranging from Pre Entry through Foundation and vocational programmes to HE. The courses include:

Pathways for Adulthood (PfA) for pre entry PMLD learners run at Wellow House, the SEND Centre on the Somer Valley Campus at Norton Radstock [Pathways for Adulthood \(PfA Pre-Entry\) | Bath College](#)

Life for Independent Living Skills (LILS) is for entry level students needing to develop life skills <https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/product/life-and-independent-living-skills>

There is the potential for these course to be built into a 5-day package or, alternatively to be delivered in partnership with Adult Social Care.

There are also a number of work based programmes for SEND Learners including DFN Project SEARCH, Supported Routes to Employment (SuRE) and Traineeships. Please see the website or contact the College for details.

**City of Bristol College**

[learningsupport@cityofbristol.ac.uk](mailto:learningsupport@cityofbristol.ac.uk) 0117 312 5186

[Additional Learning Support | City of Bristol College](#)

One year's Sensory course at pre-entry level at the Ashley Down site. The course is three days but this could be built into a five day package. City of Bristol also offer a variety of Pathway courses which enable learners with learning difficulties to progress into mainstream college, Supported Internships or help to gain independence skills. Courses are located across four sites in Bristol, more information on each course is on the college website. There is also the Brislington Centre which is a residential facility located near the SBSA site in Hengrove. The Transitions team would be happy to discuss entry requirements for this facility and application process. All queries need to be made through the college website using the link above.

**SEND Partnership Service** 01225 394382

[send\\_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk)

[www.spsbathnes.org.uk](http://www.spsbathnes.org.uk) SPS offers confidential, impartial legally based information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND aged 0-25 and their parent carers regarding education, health and social care.

**Rainbow Resource** [www.rainbowresource.org.uk](http://www.rainbowresource.org.uk). This is the Local Offer for families with a child or young person aged 0-25 years, who has special educational needs, a disability or additional needs. This will include a Supported Employment Pathway.

**Mencap Employment Lifestyles & Work** 0117 965 5623

<http://www.mencap.org.uk/employment>

Mencap deliver specialist study programmes for young people aged 16-24 with learning difficulties/autism and an EHCP. Their programmes prepare young people for the world of work and help them bridge the gap between education and employment.