

## BANES Parent Carer Voice

<http://parentcarersaiminghigh.org/index.html>

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

**Youth Connect** 01225 396980

[youthconnect\\_supportservices@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:youthconnect_supportservices@bathnes.gov.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.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk](http://www.transitioninfonetwork.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 2019-20 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.

Budgets and Placements Officer 01225 394159.

[special\\_educationalneeds@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:special_educationalneeds@bathnes.gov.uk). 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.

**Head of Inclusion, Bath College** 01225 328563

<https://www.bathcollege.ac.uk/product/life-and-independent-living-skills>

Life for Independent Living Skills (LILS) is a two year course at Foundation Level, please see the link above.

Can be built into a five day package. The Head of Inclusion can advise on entry requirements, also on options for Supported Employment.

A new SEND Centre has opened in September 2018 to support young people with complex needs in local educational provision with residential and respite options, Head of Inclusion can advise.

**Learning Support,**

**City of Bristol College, Bristol**

0117 312 5186

<http://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/courses/courses-for-students-with-learning-difficulties-disabilities/>

One year's Sensory course at pre-entry level at the Ashley Down site. This is a three day provision, but could be built into a five day package. South Bristol Skills Academy (Hengrove site) and Ashley Down site offer a Progression to Independence course for those able to progress to Entry Level 2/3, leading to Supported employment options. Both courses are linked to the Brislington Centre, a new residential facility which has opened recently near the South Bristol Skills Academy. The Learning Support team would be happy to discuss entry requirements for this facility and application processes.

**SEND Partnership Service .**

SPS offers impartial and confidential information, advice and support for children and young people with SEND aged up to age 25 years and their parents and carers. SPS can support by telephone, email and face to face meetings. Telephone [01225 394382](tel:01225394382) and email [send\\_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk). There are lots of useful resources on the SPS website:

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

**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.