

Further information, support and advice is available via:

The **SENCo** (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) at your child's school.

The **Rainbow Resource** 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.

The **SEND Partnership Service** 01225 394382

send_partnershipservice@bathnes.gov.uk

SPS offers confidential, impartial and independent advice and support to families regarding their child's SEND provision in pre-school and school settings up to age 25.

The **SEND Team** 01225 394306

special_educationalneeds@bathnes.gov.uk.

This team is responsible for completing your child's Education and Health Care plan, organising provision and administering the plan.

Carers Centre & Parent Carers Aiming High 0800 0388 885

www.banescarerscentre.org.uk

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

Off The Record 01225 312481 www.offtherecord-banes.co.uk

provides a range of free, confidential and independent services for children and young people that supports the development of their emotional health and well being.



Transition Assessments and the The Transitions Panel

What is the role of the Transitions Panel?

If you are likely to need support as an adult to be as independent as possible, get a job or complete daily tasks you may be entitled to a Transition Assessment under the Care Act 2014

The Care Act says that as you approach your 18th Birthday you may ask for a Transitions Assessment but you could do this a lot earlier if you wish.

The purpose of this assessment would be to consider what needs for care and support you may have after your 18th birthday

You may be eligible for an assessment if:

- You already receive social care support like a Direct Payment or respite and you will need this support as an adult.
- If you do not currently receive support but think you will need it as you become an adult, perhaps for support in getting a job or improved living skills for example.

The Transitions Panel

The Transition Panel considers requests for assessments and will decide who is the best person to complete your assessment

The panel meet three times a year and is attended by professionals from the SEN Team, the Disabled Children's Team, the Transitions Lead for Adult Social Care, The Lifetime Service, Looked After Children's Team and Youth Connect South West.

How do I refer myself?

If you are 16 or above we need your permission to share your Education Health and Care Plan and consider you at panel.

- If you have an Education, Health & Care Plan, your SEN Practitioner can help you with the referral
- If you have a social worker they can help you with the referral
- If you are a Looked After Child or receive support from Youth
- Connect South West, they can help you with the referral
- If you are a young carer, the Carers Centre can help you with the referral

Your parent or guardian can sign for you if you are under 16.

What happens next?

If the panel agrees you are likely to need support as an adult, a transition worker will be allocated. They will meet you and complete your assessment.

If the panel does not agree to carry out an assessment, it must explain why in writing and provide intentions and advice.

Then what happens after the assessment?

The information provided to you or your parent/carers after the assessment should include an indication of whether you are likely to have eligible needs for care and support after your 18th birthday. It should also have advice and information about what can be done to meet your eligible needs as well as what can be done to prevent or delay the development of needs.