Post 18

Parent Support Information

Westmorland and Furness SEND Information, Advice and Support Service

Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service (SEND IASS)

Westmorland and Furness Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service (SEND IASS) is a statutory service, which is run at 'arm's length' from the Local Authority (LA). We provide free, confidential, impartial advice and guidance to support parents of children with special educational needs (SEN) and children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

It is important that young people start to think about their aspirations as early as possible. From year 9 at the latest, local authorities (LA's) should help young people (and their parents and carers) to start planning for a successful transition to adulthood. Consideration should be given to any further education or training that will enable young people to secure a positive adult life.

Young people should be supported to exercise choice and control over their lives, including the 4 'preparing for adulthood' outcomes:.

- moving into paid employment and higher education
- independent living
- having friends and relationships and being part of their communities
- being as healthy as possible

https://sendiass.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/post/19#:~:text=A%20young%20person%20will%20transfer,care%20support%20as%20an%20adult.

Contact Us: https://sendiass.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/contact-us-0

contact For families with disabled children

Moving into adult services

Disabled people over 18 years old have their needs met by adult care and support. A disabled child receiving support from children's services will transition to adult care and support when they turn 18, but this process can start some time before that.

https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/social-care/moving-into-adult-services/

Moving into adult health services

If your son or daughter has health needs, they may be under the care of a paediatrician. This can continue for a short time after your child turns 18, but at some point they will need to transfer to adult health teams.

https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/health-medical-information/moving-to-adult-health-services/

Parental responsibility & mental capacity beyond 16 (including finances)

As your child gets older, you might have to decide whether they're able to make decisions for themselves. If not, there may be legal steps you can take to make decisions on their behalf.

https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/preparing-for-adult-life/parental-responsibility-amp-mental-capacity-beyond-16/

Benefits & money

You might be starting to think about your son or daughter's financial independence and how they'll start to manage their own money. You'll also need to be aware of changes to any benefits payments you or your child receive to help with their support as they turn 16.

https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/preparing-for-adult-life/benefits-money/

Mental Capacity Act Information

Mental Capacity Act resource pack for family carers of people with a learning Disability.

https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2016-06/mental%20capacity%20act%20resource%20pack_1.pdf