

Why is the Transition Information Pack required

1. Young people with LDD, when moving to college/training providers, often have little information with them regarding their needs and appropriate programmes. Schools have a rich amount of knowledge about programmes that work and student needs. This is summarised in IEP's, statements, annual reviews, PSP's, care plans, personalised learning programmes etc. Colleges/training providers do not always have this information and so have to spend up to a term carrying out their own assessments. This means appropriate provision does not always occur immediately following transition.
2. In recent research with Wigan young people some concerns were expressed that future providers would not know about their needs, that teachers/lecturers would not understand them, and/or that not enough support would be available. Other views were not wanting to be singled out as different, concerns about travel and moving between buildings. Full information exchange would help to alleviate these concerns from students.
3. The Transition Information Pack (TIP) has been developed by a group of post 16 providers, schools and CYPS staff following models from Scotland/other local authorities. It is designed to transfer information to providers at post 16 (or, if student stays on at school, the year before they leave). It should be done for all students at school action plus or with a statement moving onto college provision or a training provider. It is proposed that the TIP will eventually be electronic, and attached to the Common Application Process. It is designed to be easy to fill in, with relevant documents to be attached.

Process

Please complete the Transition Pack by Whitsun. When completed it should be given to parents/young people to take to the college/trainer they choose. In circumstances where this is not feasible or you feel that the college/training provider will get the information more securely, it can be sent. They should be addressed to the Inclusion/SEN/Additional Needs co-ordinator.

Any questions/comments/suggestions for improvement to Simon Jenner, Strategic Manager/PEP who can forward electronic copies should you wish on 01942 705422.

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