Preparing for Adulthood Strategy

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Our Vision

Our PfA ambition is to ensure that preparation for adulthood, starts in the early years and continues consistently throughout a child or young person's journey. This creates a clear, continuous foundation for future independence, opportunity and wellbeing. PfA is embedded at key points across education, health and care pathways, supporting children and young people to build the skills, confidence and aspirations they need as they move towards adult life.

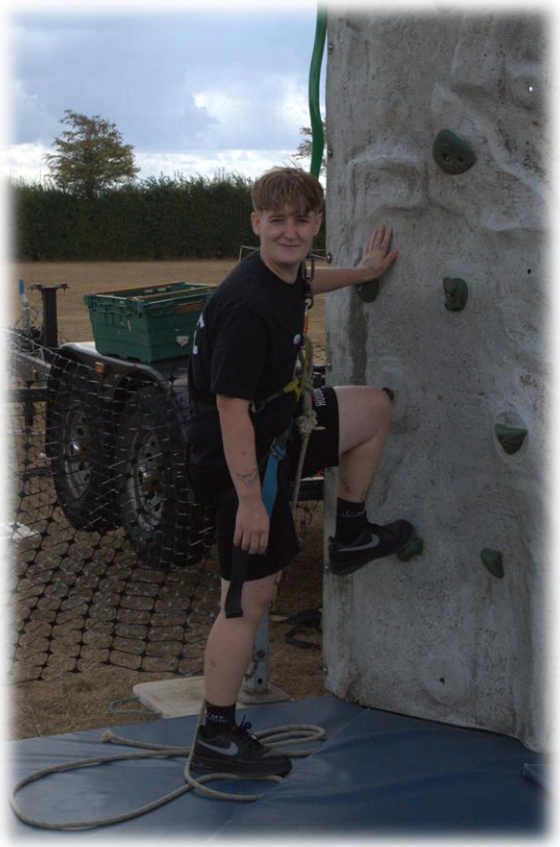


Why This Matters

- Preparation for Adulthood is everyone's business and requires a coordinated approach across education, health, social care and community partners.
- Children and young people with SEND need earlier, more joined-up support to achieve their aspirations and experience successful transitions into adult life.
- The strategy has been co-produced with children, young people, families and partners and aligns with the SEND Strategy, SEND Reform Programme and Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP).

Four Key Priorities: Our Pledges

1. Education and Employment
2. Moving into Social Care
3. Independent Living (life skills) and Community Engagement
4. Staying as healthy as possible



Impact for Children and Young People

Children and young people with SEND will have increased choice, control and opportunity, enabling them to achieve their aspirations, develop independence and live fulfilling adult lives.

Turning Strategy into Action

1. Capture

- The priorities and actions identified within the Preparing for Adulthood Strategy will be incorporated into the refreshed Local Area Inclusion Plan (LAIP).

2. Deliver

- Actions will be progressed through partnership workstreams across education, health, social care and the voluntary sector.

3. Monitor and Govern

- The Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Subgroup will oversee delivery, monitor progress, manage risks and review impact.
- Progress will be reported through established SEND governance arrangements, including the SEND Operational Group and SEND Improvement Board.

What Success Looks Like

- Improved transition experiences for children and young people.
- More young people progressing into education, employment and training.
- Increased independence, health and community participation.
- Positive feedback from children, young people and families demonstrating meaningful impact on their lives.

Governance Framework:

Preparing for Adulthood Strategy ↓

LAIP Refresh ↓

Delivery Through Partnership Workstreams ↓

PfA Subgroup Monitoring & Governance ↓

SEND Operational Group / SEND Improvement Board

