

Transition meetings for young people

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There are several duties which must be carried out for young people with a Statement of Special Educational Needs who are going through the transition process. This factsheet explains how we meet those duties for young people in Devon.

Who has duties?

Devon County Council social care services must consider if a young person with a Statement of Special Educational Needs is disabled and so may require services from Devon County Council when leaving school

Your child's head teacher must invite social care services to your child's Transitional Annual Review in Year 9. This duty is in the **SEN Code of Practice 2001** and is to make sure that any assessments done under the **Disabled Persons Act 1986**, the **NHS and Community Care Act 1990** and the **Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970** can contribute to and draw information from the review process.

The Connexions service is responsible for making sure that any young person who may find it difficult to transfer to further education or training when they leave school has a needs and provision assessment.

Will a social worker be at my child's Review?

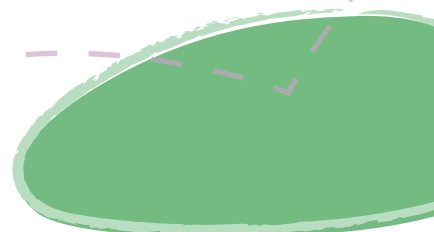
Increasingly we are providing support and services through integrated teams of education, health and social care staff. Developments in integrated working mean that a social worker does not need to be present at an Annual Review to make sure that transition is planned appropriately. However, social workers should continue to be invited and attend if they are involved with the young person when a Transitional Annual Review takes place.

How do you decide what my child needs?

In Devon we meet our statutory duties through the **Young People in Transition Process**. Every three months lead officers from children's services meet with a representative from Connexions and the adult service leads in each locality.

These locality meetings identify the post-18 support network and any subsequent work for all young people over the age of 14:

- with a statement of Special Educational Needs
- in Devon County Council care
- with another indicator of vulnerability.



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As well as the locality meetings there are also regular **county meetings** where any problems about agreeing onward support arrangements are discussed by lead officers and actions are agreed to resolve the situation.

As a large number of cases need to be reviewed in a short time, young people and parents are not invited to locality or county meetings. Outcomes will be reported back to you and you will be given a contact name and number so you can check progress any time you wish.

You can find more information on the law and statutory duties for young people in transition at

www.devon.gov.uk/facs-law-community-care-services and

www.education.gov.uk/the-sen-code-of-practice

or you can call 0800 056 36 66

DISCplus local information co-ordinators

The co-ordinators are there to help you get information on services and support available in your area.

Phone the main office on **0845 155 1013** and ask to speak to your local co-ordinator or email **discplus@devon.gov.uk**

