

Preparing for Adult Life: Social Care Support

As part of the planning for moving to adulthood, there are several options for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to consider once they have left school. These can include:



Community-based learning, support and development opportunities



College placements on the pathway to employment



Apprenticeships or supported internships on the pathway to employment



Support can be provided from social care services to give young people the chance to continue developing their **independence, relationships, life skills, employment opportunities and community presence** when college placements, apprenticeships, or internships aren't the best options.

When your young person is aged 16-17, you can request an assessment from the RBG Disabled Children and Young People Service. They can help to determine what support your young person may need as an adult and build **tailored support** based on their individual strengths and needs. Support packages can include:



Personal budgets/direct payments



Agency support



Day opportunities



Supported living

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It is important to start thinking about the options available for a young person early on. If you're not sure if continued education placement or employment is right for you or your child, the **Disabled Children and Young People Service** can work with you to identify what alternative support could be put in place.

For more information and advice about what to expect, scan the QR code to visit the Preparing for Adulthood page on the Greenwich Local Offer



If you or your young person are aged 16-17 and have an Education, Health, and Care (EHC) plan, you can contact the Disabled Children and Young People Service for advice and support:

Email: cwdt.duty@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Telephone: 0208 921 2599

Alternatively, you can self-refer directly to the Greenwich MASH team.

If you or your young person are over the age of 18, you can contact the Contact Assessment Team in Adult's Services.

Email: aops.contact.officers@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 8921 2304

