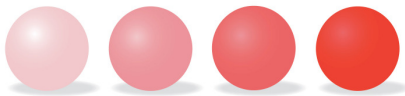


# Transition: a national perspective

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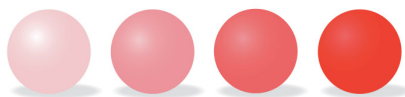
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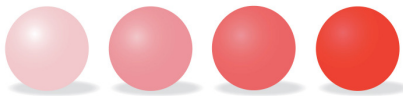
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- What young people say
- Policy and Legislation
- Transition Guide, with elements that make up good transition
- Regional Transition seminars
- Resources and projects including Transition Information Network
- Every Disabled Child Matters



# Council for Disabled Children

Council for  
Disabled  
Children

- Sits within the National Children's Bureau
- Raise awareness of the needs of disabled children, young people and their families
- Promote the participation of disabled children and their families in all decision making about their lives
- Contribute to the development of policy and practice in central and local government
- Provide an independent forum for the discussion and resolution of issues relating to children and disability
- Hosts a range of networks: TIN, NPPN, SEC, EDCM

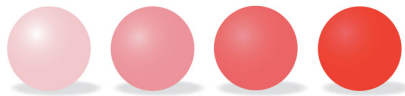


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# What do disabled young people want?

## Young people say they want to:

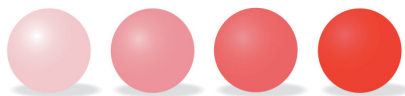
- Be listened to when decisions are made about their lives
- Do the same things as other children and young people of their age – shopping, going to a cinema, clubbing, going to youth and sport clubs, playing football etc
- Have the opportunity to be involved in out-of-school activities
- Be safe from harassment and bullying
- Have control of spending money, and have enough money to enjoy life.



## Young people's feelings about transition

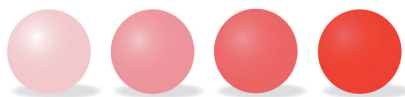
- 70% less likely to move out of the family home
- 50% less likely to gain paid employment
- 65% say they are less likely to be in a '*good job*' and have a regular partner by the time they are 30
- 70% say they have problems in accessing a social life or getting a holiday
- 65% have been bullied or have felt unsafe
- 40% say they are heavily dependent on their parents in multiple areas of their life.

Disability Rights Commission Survey of 16-24 year olds with a disability (2002), updated 2004



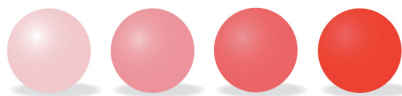
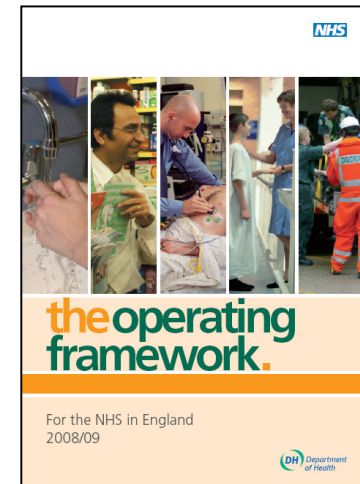
# National Policy and Guidance

- Independent Living strategy 2008
- Aiming High for disabled children 2007
- Improving Life Chances of Disabled People 2005
- Children's National Service Framework: Standards 4 & 8
- DDA 1995 & SEN and Disability Act 2002, DDA 2005



# Cont. National Policy and Guidance

- Valuing People & Valuing People Now 2007
- NHS Operating framework 08/09
- Our health, our care, our say 06 – DASS
- Growing Up matters 07 – CSCI
- Learning for Living and Work: Improving Education and Training Opportunities for People with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities 06



# Aiming High

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## Aiming high for children: supporting families

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
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## Aiming high for disabled children: better support for families

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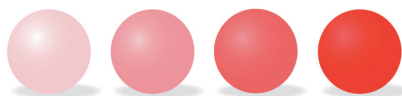
## Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities

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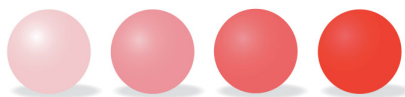
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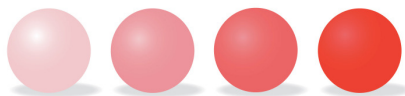
# Aiming High for disabled children: better support for families

- Short breaks- £280 m
- Childcare - £35 m
- Transition Support Programme - £19 m
- Parent Forums - £5 m
- Individual Budgets



# Transition Support Programme

- Information
- Access to an advisor or key worker
- Advocacy and support
- Person centred approaches
- Joint team working across agencies
  
- Likely to start in September

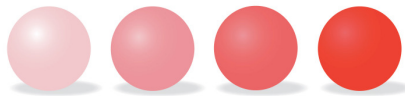


# Aiming High for disabled children

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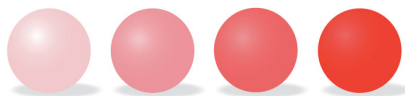
Keep up to date with implementation of Aiming High via Every Child Matters Website:

[www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/disabledchildren/aiminghigh/progress/](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/socialcare/disabledchildren/aiminghigh/progress/)



# Transition Guide

- Funded by DfES
- Partnership with DH, ODI and DWP
- Written by CDC with reference group
- Responsibilities of all agencies
- Overview of legislation and guidance
- Illustrated with effective practice

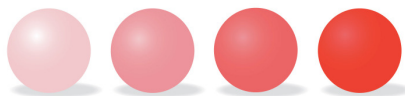


# a transition guide for all services

key information for professionals  
about the transition process for  
disabled young people



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# Transition Guide

You can download this guide from  
[www.everychildmatters.gov.uk](http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk) and  
[www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk](http://www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk).

Copies of this publication can also be obtained from:

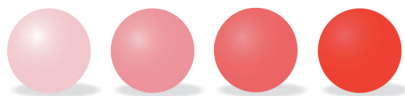
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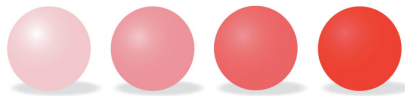
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# Elements that make up good transition

- Multi-agency transition protocol
- Multi-agency working – training
- Effective practice
- Information for young people & parents
- Participation of young people & parents
- Evaluation of provision
- Youth and career services
- Post-16 Opportunities
- Leisure & social life



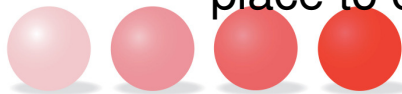
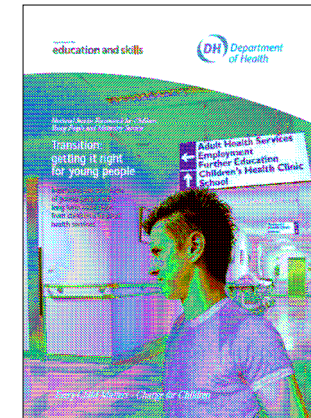
# Department of Health Guides

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- Transition: getting it right for young people, 2006
- New DH guide out Spring 2008:
  - Good practice guide building on existing good practice
  - Person centred approaches
  - Planning partnership between children's and adult health services (inc Crucial role of GPs)
  - Key workers (key worker designate in adult care)

## PROVIDES:

- A self-assessment tool for young people to see what support they need
- Service audit tool for services to see what they need to have in place to carry out good transition planning and support.

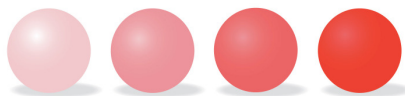


# Continuing Health Care

- Children's National framework piloted in 12 areas and evaluated
- Builds on adult protocol
- Consultation in March/April for 13 weeks

# Better Care: Better Lives

- Sets a goal : To ensure that transition for life limited young people to adult services is a planned and purposeful process
- New Child Health Strategy – out May 08

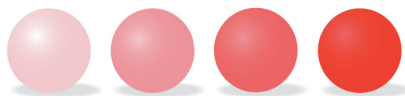


## Adolescent Health Project

- Intercollegiate project for adolescent health professionals and doctors in training
- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health -led multi-professional project
- Funded by Dept of Health
- Timeline March 07 – March 08
- e-learning based
- Transition will be a major focus

[www.rcpch.ac.uk/Education/Adolescent-Health-Project](http://www.rcpch.ac.uk/Education/Adolescent-Health-Project)

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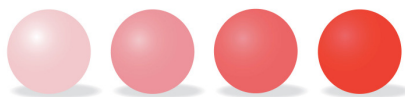


# Regional transition seminars

**March – June 2007**

## Purpose

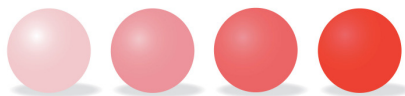
- Share effective practice from region
- Bring together key decision makers
- Focus on successes in local areas
- Plan regional support



# Regional transition seminars

## Key Successes

- multi agency transition protocols
- transition workers
- multi agency transition teams
- person centred approaches
- information for parents and young people
- advocacy – where available



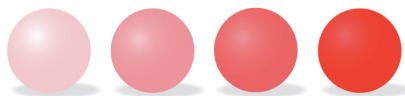
# Regional transition seminars

- Presentations from days and report on TIN website

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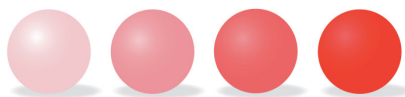
# Research Projects

- SPRU – Models of multi-agency services for transition to adult services for disabled young people and those with complex health needs: Impact and costs  
[www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/summs/transitions.html](http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/summs/transitions.html)
- University of Bristol – Becoming an adult: young men with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy  
[www.bristol.ac.uk/norahfry/projects/dmd.html](http://www.bristol.ac.uk/norahfry/projects/dmd.html)



# Emotional well-being...

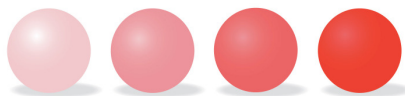
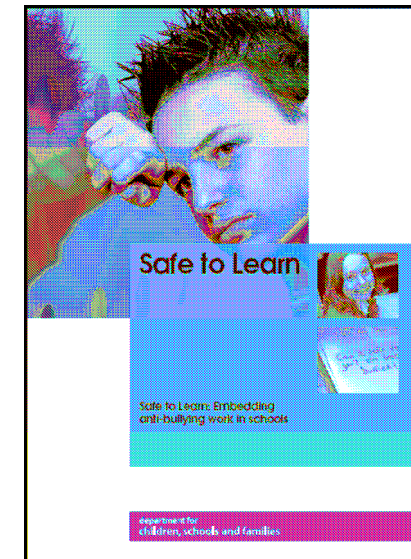
- Lots of work been carried out but:
- “I go out with my mum for my dinner on Tuesdays. Sometimes I go to bingo. That’s about it. That’s all we can think of doing”. 19 YO
- “Socially there’s nothing is there”. Mother of YP
- “I ain’t in a relationship, no. It’s hard cos no-one will talk to you cos you’re in a wheelchair. They kind of ignore you.” YP

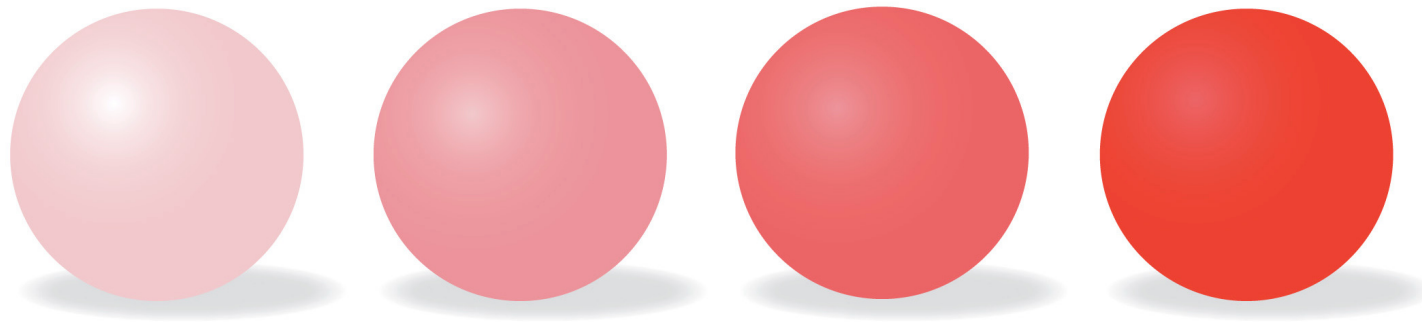


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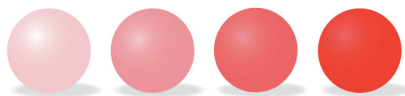
## Safe to learn project

- CDC with the Anti Bullying Alliance
- Producing additional guidance
- Gathering evidence from many sources and;
- Working in schools with
  - Children and young people
  - Staff
  - Parents
- Due out in Spring 2008





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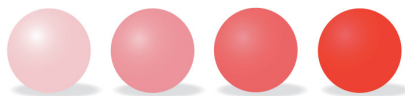


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## Magazine

- Aimed primarily at young people
- Produced three times a year and sent to all TIN members
- Transition projects, views and articles from disabled young people, news update, information on new resources and events.



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## Newsletter

- Aimed primarily at professionals
- Quarterly
- Policy update, good practice, information on new resources and events.

**Getting a Life**  
Newsletter

Transition Information Network

Information for everyone working with and for disabled young people in transition from childhood to adulthood.

Issue 7 Autumn 2006

What a summer! Just when we thought we'd have time to catch up with all the paperwork that had been building up on our desks all year, the treasury work began on the comprehensive spending review of children's services. One of the sub-reviews was to focus on disabled children, young people and their families. As part of this review process three hearings were held, one focused entirely on transition. Read more about the review and the Every Disabled Child Matters campaign on page 4.

Transition continues to creep up the political agenda with central government talking about it as a key area, and recognising the need to improve services, however are disabled young people and their families noticing any changes? Please let us know of things that are happening in your area that have improved the lives of a disabled young person and their family.

Lastly, you will notice that this newsletter has been 're-branded' as a Transition Information Network (TIN) publication. TIN is hosted by the Council for Disabled Children and we want to ensure that people can access all our information on transition from one source – the Transition Information Network. Read more about TIN's work on page 7.

All the best  
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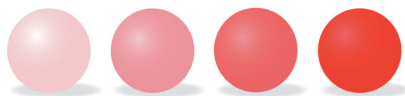
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# Transition Information Network

## Website

[www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk](http://www.transitioninfonetwork.org.uk)

- A site for parents and professionals.
- An interactive, accessible site for young people.
- Information about legislation and policy.
- Information about education, employment, health, relationships, benefits and more.
- Links to a range of useful resources and organisations.

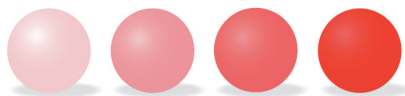


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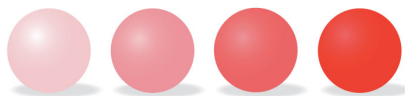
## Seminars

- TIN seminars give young people, parents and professionals the opportunity to examine key issues in relation to transition
- Recent topics: advocacy, volunteering, work experience and employment



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Every Child Matters



# Every Disabled Child Matters

## Getting rights and justice for every disabled child

- Families with disabled children to have ordinary lives
- Disabled children and their families to shape the way that services are planned, commissioned and delivered
- LA charter
- PCT charter

[www.edcm.org.uk](http://www.edcm.org.uk)



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