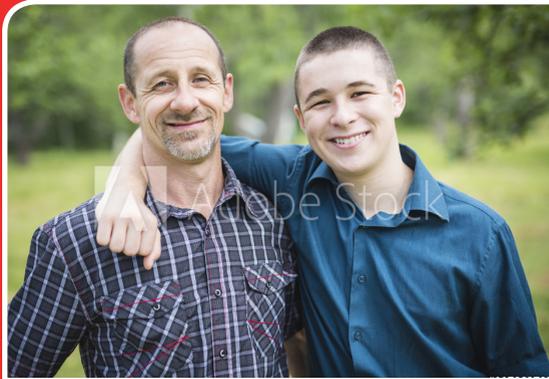


TIAG

CAREERS GUIDANCE
FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



Transition to Adulthood

All young people face major changes as they move into adulthood and start to make important decisions about their future. An important part of a young person's transition to adulthood is his or her path through education and training and into employment.

For young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), this transition can be more complicated as lots of different agencies and organisations can be involved.

It can be an anxious and worrying time so early planning is essential.

In Barnsley, the Targeted Information, Advice and Guidance (TIAG) Service provides independent and impartial careers guidance to young people with an EHCP to help them explore all options and make well-informed choices that enable them to achieve their aspirations, fulfil their potential and move into adulthood with confidence.

What the TIAG Service does

All young people who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) will be allocated a Personal Adviser (PA) from the TIAG Service from Year 9. The TIAG PA will:

- Attend Annual Reviews from Year 9 to support early planning and preparation
- Work with the other agencies and organisations to ensure a co-ordinated and holistic approach
- Give independent and impartial information, advice and guidance about the education, employment and training pathways available
- Contribute to the Education, Health and Care Plan to ensure that education and training needs and the provision and support needed to achieve this is clear
- Support young people and their parents/carers through the transition process by arranging visits and taster sessions, help with applications, attend interviews and assessments and provide information about courses, programmes and opportunities
- If your son or daughter continues to need extra support to achieve the educational outcomes in their EHCP beyond the age of 19, a TIAG Personal Adviser will continue to provide them with careers information, advice and guidance up to the age of 25



Post-16 Options

All young people are expected to remain in learning until they are 18 to gain more qualifications, more skills, more confidence and more independence. Options include:

- Going to a school or college sixth form
- Going to a Further Education college
- Getting an apprenticeship or supported internship
- Going to a work based learning provider
- Getting a job or volunteer placement AND study or train part time

All young people aged 16-19 (up to the age of 25 if they have an EHCP) in full or part-time education will be expected to follow a study programme that should be tailored to meet their individual needs and offers the opportunity to progress and achieve the best possible outcomes. Examples of study programmes include:

'A' Levels	These are subject based qualifications, for example English, physics and geography, that can lead to university, further study, training or employment. Short for Advanced Level, they are level 3 qualifications usually studied after GCSEs.
Apprenticeships	An apprenticeship lets you study whilst working in an industry. There are 100's of apprenticeship pathways and all enable young people to get experience whilst gaining nationally recognised qualifications PLUS you get paid a wage.
Bespoke Programmes	Some young people may need a bespoke package of support to help them prepare for either independent living or supported employment. Every young person has an individual learning plan informed by their EHCP, their needs and their aspirations.
Supported Internships	These are structured and personalised study programmes for young people with an EHCP based primarily with an employer. Internships normally last for a year and include extended unpaid work placements of at least six months. Wherever possible, they support the young person to move into paid employment at the end of the programme and includes the chance to study for recognised qualifications, if suitable, and English and Maths to an appropriate level.
Traineeships	These are education and training programmes with work experience, focused on giving young people the skills and experience they need to help them compete for an apprenticeship or other jobs. Traineeships last a maximum of six months and include core components of work preparation training, English and Maths (unless GCSE A*-C standard has already been achieved) and a high quality work experience placement.
Vocational Qualifications	There are 100's of vocational pathways and young people can either choose to follow a general vocational course that develops practical skills and knowledge related to an employment area for example business, health and social care and sport or a specific vocational course that provides training and qualifications related to a specific job for example chef, plumber and hairdresser. There are many different types of vocational qualifications in a wide range of subjects from Entry Level right up to Level 8.

Person Centred Planning

When making decisions about the future, it is important for young people to consider the following:

- What their dreams, hopes and aspirations for the future are
- What they are good at
- What they like (and what they don't like!)
- What is important to them and for them
- What support they would need to achieve the future they want

As a parent/carer, it's a good idea to talk to us, those involved in your child's education, health and care and visit a wide range of providers to find out what's available.

For the majority of young people who have learning difficulties and/or disabilities, education and training provision can be delivered in a mainstream setting.

However, some young people with complex needs may need specialist provision because their education and training needs cannot be met anywhere else. Such a placement requires agreed funding and will be subject to a thorough assessment process to ensure that the provider can meet needs, deliver agreed educational outcomes in line with the young person's aspirations and support community inclusion. If you think your child may need this option, it is a good idea to talk to your Targeted Information, Advice and Guidance Personal Adviser and they can advise and guide you through the process.

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Other sources of information

For information about different education and learning options in Barnsley

www.iknowican.co.uk

For information about specialist schools

www.specialneedsuk.org

For information about specialist colleges

www.natspec.org.uk

Special Educational Needs Disability Information, Advice, Support Service (SENDIASS)

E-mail: parentpartners@barnsley.gov.uk

Family Information Services in Barnsley

www.fsd.barnsley.gov.uk

Barnsley's Local Offer

www.barnsley.gov.uk/localoffer

Voluntary Opportunities

www.vabarnsley.org.uk

Support for independent travel

E-mail: freetogotravelservice@barnsley.gov.uk