



Supportive Parents SENDIAS
Service for Young People

SP 16-25 Toolkit

Part 3 - Travel, Work & Independent Living

TRAVEL

Transport for post 16 education or training

If your disability means you find it difficult to get to school or college your local authority may help you.

Your local authority must publish a transport policy which says how it will meet the needs of students with disabilities or learning difficulties. This policy is available on the local authority's website in the section about their *Local Offer*. For example:

- [Bristol Local Offer](#)
- [North Somerset Local Offer](#)
- [South Gloucestershire Local Offer](#)

The local authority must also provide a link on their website on their policy to the [Government Guidelines](#) regarding transport.

Transport policies are different for students under 16, students 16-18 and students 19-25. The Post-16 Transport to Education and Training Statutory Guidance for local authorities, section 11 states:

“The transport policy statement should be clear and provide sufficient detail about the transport arrangements and support provided to inform young people in making their post-16 choices.

Young people should be provided with information through the transport policy statement about who is eligible for transport support and how and when they should apply for support. ”

Local authorities may offer travel training through schools, colleges or social care. This may be written as education provision into an EHC plan.

Legal Duties – what the law says.

Local authorities have a duty under the [Education and Skills Act 2008](#) to “encourage, enable and assist the participation of young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities up to the age of 25 in education and training”.

The local authority also has a duty to over 18 year olds under the [Care Act 2014](#) to promote wellbeing. This includes an individual’s wellbeing in relation to participation in work, education, training or recreation.

Where can I get help with transport to college or training?

Supportive Parents can help you to understand what help you can get and how to apply for this. We can also help you appeal to the council if you are not happy with any decisions.

For further information visit www.supportiveparents.org.uk

You can also visit SENTAS Special Educational Needs Transport Advocacy Service (sentas.co.uk).

Can I get help with transport after I finish education?

If you need help with transport after you finish education you may need a social care assessment. Further details are available on the council local offer.

Your council’s local offer should also give information about disabled person’s bus and rail cards, community transport services, support with cycling, support learning to drive and blue badge schemes.

WORK

Support into work

The [SEND Code of Practice](#) 2015, 8.27 says:
Schools and colleges have a duty to provide independent careers advice for students.

The [SEND Code of Practice](#) 2015, 8.29 says:
Local authorities have a duty to work with schools and colleges to support young people to participate in education and training.

You can still have support for special educational needs and disability if you are on an apprenticeship or a supported internship.

If you need support getting a job once you have left education there are several organisations that support people with a disability such as:

- [The Brandon Trust](#)
- [Remploy](#)
- [PLUSS](#)

See your local offer or contact us for more information.

Reasonable adjustments in the work place

If you have a disability then employers have a legal duty to make reasonable adjustments.

A person has a disability if they have:

'A physical or mental impairment and the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.' [Equalities act](#) (section 6.1)

Employers should make reasonable adjustments to help you attend interviews and carry out your job e.g. providing access ramps.

[Access to Work](#) may be able to provide funding for adjustments such as a job coach or a signing interpreter.

Your school or college may help you produce something to help employers understand what support you need (such as a one page profile).

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Support with independent living

If you need support living independently, contact your local authority to find out about getting a social care assessment. If you are over 18 the local authority have a duty to promote your [wellbeing](#) under the [Care Act 2014](#) part 1.

Following an adult social care assessment you may get an 'adult care plan'. This should be reviewed each year.

See [SP 16-25 Toolkit Part 1 – Annual Transition Reviews](#) for more information on transferring to adult social care provision.

Further support with Social Care is available from:

Home Farm Trust Carers Support Service www.hft.org.uk

The Carers Support Centre (Bristol and South Glos)
www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk

WECIL www.wecil.co.uk

Advocacy (support to help you get your voice heard):

The Care Forum www.thecareforum.org

SEAP www.seap.org.uk

SWAN <https://swanadvocacy.org.uk/>

Support with accessing the community

Your local authority may give information about social events in the Local Offer e.g local drop-in centres or support groups. If it is difficult for you to attend a local group or event because of a disability, contact your local authority to get a social care assessment.

Any questions?

Please contact us if you are still unclear or have any questions about any information in this document, or about any other aspect of Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.

- call our Information, Advice & Support line: **0117 989 7725**
- email us: support@supportiveparents.org.uk
- contact us via our website: www.supportiveparents.org.uk/contact

If you are 16 or over and would like a parent or carer to contact us on your behalf, you will need to complete a consent form. Your parent/carer can ask us for one or you can download one from our website.

Expanded links used in this document:

- Bristol Local Offer:
<http://www.findabilitybristol.org.uk/>
- North Somerset Local Offer:
<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/local-offer-and-early-help/local-offer/>

- South Glos Local Offer:
<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/care-and-support-children-families/local-offer/>
- Government guidelines on transport:
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/652980/Post-16_Transport_Guidance.pdf
- Education and Skills Act:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/25/contents>
- Care Act 2014:
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/section/1/enacted>
- Care Act 2014 Easy Read
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365345/Making_Sure_the_Care_Act_Works_EASY_READ.pdf
- SEND Code of Practice
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>
- The Brandon Trust
<https://www.brandontrust.org/>
- Remploy
<http://www.remploy.co.uk>
- PLUSS
<https://www.pluss.org.uk/>

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