



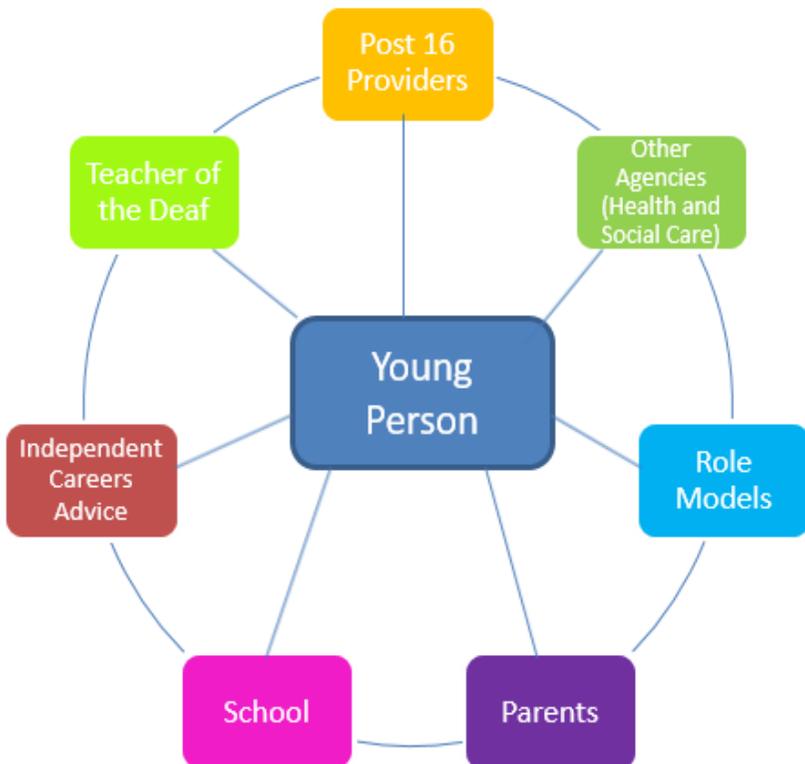
Transition

Information for Parents/Guardians

What is Transition?

Transition is a planned process to address the medical, psychological, educational and vocational needs of young people. Transition services help to prepare your child for the future and offer support as they move towards adulthood and independence. Within Audiology, Transition focuses on hearing and communication needs.

Who is involved in Transition?



Why is Transition Important?

Transition is important to help young people achieve their goals for the future; this may include staying at school for 6th form, college, further education or employment. Transition also aims to prepare young people for the increase in responsibility and autonomy associated with becoming an adult and promotes their independence.

What happens next?

Each year your child will attend Audiology to review their hearing and hearing aids. More information will be provided during each visit according to your child's individual needs. When your child reaches Year 11 they will be invited to attend their first Transition appointment with the Hearing Therapist.

What is the Hearing Therapists Role?

The Hearing Therapist:

- helps to prepare young people moving into adult hearing aid services.
- Offers counselling and support to help young people become proactive in managing their hearing loss and communication needs.
- Provides information and advice about the kind of support that is available moving forward into further education and/or employment.
- Offers guidance and information about equipment to help at home, in educational settings and in work.

Where can I find more information about Transition?

- National Deaf Children's Society
<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/documents-and-resources>

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