

Preparing for Adulthood operational group developments September 2017

Preparing for Adulthood operational meetings have been held on a regular basis since April 2017. In the short time substantial progress has been made to benefit young people with SEND in the Stockton area.

Outcomes / Progress – September 2017

- Project Choice Formal Internship Programme now operating in the Stockton/North Tees area. Nine young people have been offered places on this programme and are due to start in October 2017. This includes young people with a wide range of Special Educational Needs from a young man with ASD who has completed A Levels but was not able to gain employment due to his social and emotional difficulties to a young lady who previously attended Abbey Hill Academy and Sixth Form and has a Sever Learning Difficulty.
- Supported Traineeships organised between Stockton Riverside College and Daisy Chain. There are currently 6 young people accessing this programme.
- Roland Todd and Stockton Riverside College are now liaising with Community Services Department at SBC regarding possible supported traineeship/internship placements so that numbers can be increased and offer a wider variety of vocational areas.
- Roland Todd is also exploring options for SBC to offer Supported Internships.
- Leaflets for young people and parents have been produced and are ready to be shown to scrutiny panel.

- Stockton Riverside College working with Community Transport on Independent Travel Training opportunities.
- Stockton Parent Carer Forum are liaising with agencies and parents to raise awareness and gain feedback from parents.
- Stockton Riverside College and Abbey Hill Academy are setting up Young Person sub groups to gain views and perspectives from young people.
- Youth Direction are working with SEN PfA Team to improve information sharing and contribution of information to Education, Health and Care Plans.
- SEN PfA Team, Youth Direction and Stockton Riverside College are looking to develop specific vocational pathways for young people with SEND which are easier for young people and parents to understand. They will be designed to lead into Supported Traineeships/Internships, Supported Apprenticeships, Apprenticeships, Employment. SEND PfA Team are looking at good practice in other areas of the country where this is working successfully.
- Daisy Chain are at the second stage of 3 stage process of bid application. Looking at engaging businesses to develop employment opportunities for young people with ASD. They are now accredited to deliver ASD training and this will include delivering training to employers on working with and supporting young people and adults with ASD.