

KCC Lifespan Pathway

Changing the way we work to improve Transition from Children's Services to Adult Services

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What is the Lifespan Pathway?



The 'lifespan pathway' is a way to describe how people move from one service to another as they grow up and get older.

Some people might need to carry on with a service, while other people will be able to be independent.

Current Pathway



Disabled
Children Service
0 - 18

Learning and
physical disabilities

Transition

Physical disabilities



Older People
and Physical
Disabilities
18+

Learning disabilities



Community
Learning
Disability Team
18+

Future Pathway



Disabled
Children Service
0 - 15

Learning and
physical disabilities

NEW TEAM



Young People's
Team 16-25
Years

Learning and
physical disabilities

NEW TEAM



Adults Complex
Disability Team
26+ Years

Learning and
physical disabilities

- Become an adult
- Leave school/college
- Move home
- Get a job
- Become settled

0-25
Service

The Care Act and the Children and Families Act want us to plan 0-25 and especially smooth the transition at age 18.



So we will have a new 0-25 Service with:

- 4 Disabled Children teams across the county, 0-15
- 4 Young People's teams, 16-25



Adults Complex
Disability Team
26+ Years

Learning and
physical disabilities



- And a continuing Adult Service
- 4 Adults with complex disabilities teams
- Young people with complex physical disabilities will be included in the new teams
- An all age In House provision Unit

Overnight Short Breaks



- We are also changing our overnight short breaks
- The children's short break buildings have been updated. They are more modern than our adult short break buildings.
- We want to make our adult short break buildings as good as the children's short break buildings.
- We have been working hard to give more choices for a short break.

Choices Available



- **Shared Lives Scheme**
- **Direct Payments**
- **Carer's short break service**
- **Local Care Homes**
- **Moving from children's to adult's overnight short breaks** – Young people can stay in the Children's short break service longer if this meets their needs
- **Moving to adults short breaks earlier**

Why are we doing it?



- To improve transition for young people moving into adult services



- Family have a better experience of transition



- Better outcomes for people



- Reduce residential placements



- Better placements for young people



- Help young people into work and apprenticeships.

When are we doing it?



Planning to make sure it is just right

October
2015 to
March
2016



Putting it all in place

April to
October
2016



When we would like it to start

1 April
2017

Shared Lives



The Shared Lives Service is about people sharing family life with a Shared Lives Host in the family's home.

This could be for:

- A few hours
- Overnight
- A weekend
- Longer-term placements



You may have heard of Shared Lives under its previous name - 'The Adult Placement Scheme'.

A Shared Lives success story



Suzy is a lady with a learning disability .

She has moved in with Shared Lives Host Maria, Kevin, their 2 dogs and a cat.

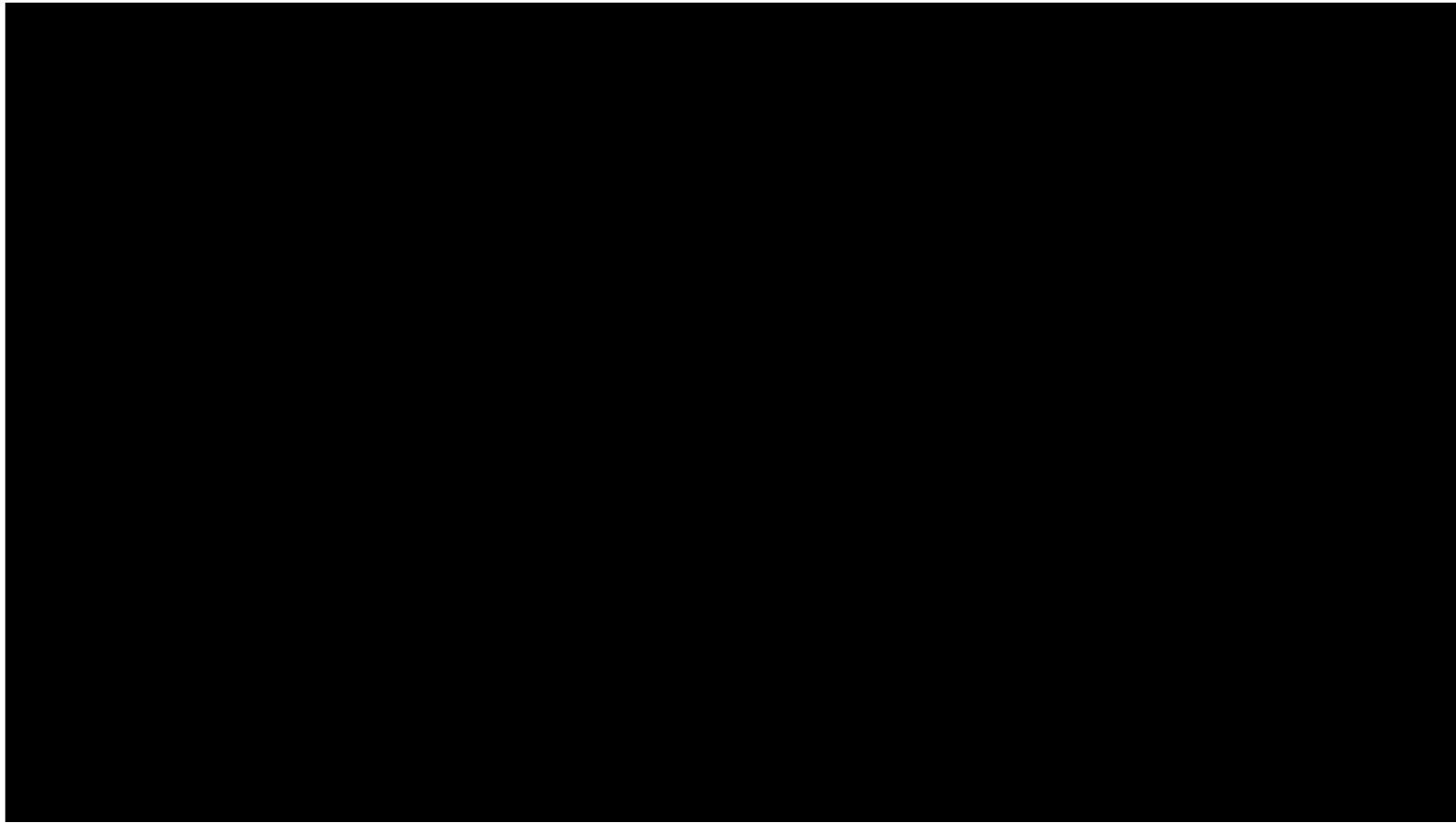
Suzy used to have trips and falls. But now walks with Maria and her 2 dogs daily.

This has given her more confidence and is able to walk much further and no longer trips.



Suzy enjoys cooking with Maria and helps prepare dinner. This has given her a sense of achievement

Kent Pathways Service



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-qmo4LMSJU>

More information



The Local Offer is on Kent's website. It has information about children and adult services:

- Local activities
- Supported housing
- Work and apprenticeships
- Advocacy
- How to get support

More information



- Go on the internet to the Kent Learning Disability Partnership Board website: www.kentldpb.org.uk

The partnership board has meetings to talk about issues affecting people with learning disabilities.



They check that things are being done to make lives better for people with learning disabilities.

Why not come along to one of their meetings?



- Other information is on the Kent County Council Website at: www.kent.gov.uk/learningdisability

Any questions?

