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Dear colleagues

Preparing for Adult Life

As part of our drive to secure the best outcomes for young people to prepare for adulthood, I am writing to enlist your support.

From Year 9 onwards, our Children's Services in Education, Health and Social Care work very closely with our Adult Service teams to ensure that young people likely to need additional support during their transition are tracked, and both they and their families and carers have access to the dedicated transition team.

Discussions for young people with Education, Health and Care plans (EHCP) would usually have their ongoing needs for care and support included in their annual transition reviews from Year 9 onwards; however, there may be young people with emerging needs who are managing without the need for an EHC plan. We are keen to make sure that these young people also have access to the transition process.

To this end, we would want to encourage the Special Education Needs Co-ordinators of all secondary schools to alert the Southend Borough Council Transition Team of any young person/family who may require further information or support. Margaret Wall is manager of the Transition Team and can be contacted on 01702 215905 or at margaretwall@southend.gov.uk.

Our Preparing for Adulthood Transition Protocol explains the process in more detail and can be accessed at:

http://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/file/4870/preparing_for_adulthood_transition_protocol

I hope this information is useful, but if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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