

Transitions Directory

For families of young people with special educational needs



'WHAT'S NEXT?'

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'TRANSITIONS CAN
BE DIFFICULT BUT ALSO
EMPOWERING AND
POSITIVE'



Welcome

We recognise that the transition from leaving Sheiling School or Sheiling College can be an anxious time for young people and their families particularly for those who have special educational needs and disabilities. However, transitions can be a difficult but empowering experience leading to a positive next step in their lives.

As parents and carers, you know the needs and aspirations of your young person and will play a large part in helping to shape their future. We hope that this information will help to guide you as a family as, together, you will make some important decisions.

We acknowledge that most future placements are identified and secured through Local Authority funding. It is essential that you discuss transition with your Local Authority allocated worker to understand the expected processes to follow.

The directory is intended as a guide. The list is not exhaustive. The Sheiling Ringwood does not endorse any provisions mentioned.

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Residential & Supported Living Placements

Hampshire, Dorset, BCP

Residential living placements may be identified as being the most suitable placement for a student who has high support needs and requires input from multi-disciplinary teams. Often, residential placements will provide high support levels throughout the 24-hour day and will involve living within a house with others who may have similar needs.

Supported living provides people with individual tenancies. This means that they have a home of their own and will benefit from a greater level of autonomy as far as their environment is concerned. People may live in an individual flat or have a room in a house with two or three other adults with similar support needs.

Advance UK

<https://www.advanceuk.org/>

Advance Housing and Support Limited is a registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 and a Registered Housing Provider. We provide housing, support and other community related services, specialising in supporting people with learning difficulties and mental health conditions.

Choice Care Group

<https://www.choicecaregroup.com/>

We provide specialist care and support for people with learning disabilities, autism, mental health conditions and associated complex needs. Our purpose is to help everyone in our care to live safe, happy, meaningful and fulfilled lives, regardless of their challenges, where they're valued, respected, listened to and supported, living as independently as possible.

Cygnets Health

<https://www.cygnethealth.co.uk/>

Cygnets Health has 5 residential homes in the Hampshire, Dorset and BCP areas which provide specialist support for adults with autism and learning disabilities, who may have complex needs and behaviours.

Diverse Abilities

<https://diverseabilities.org.uk/>

Our Supported Living Service provides 24/7 support 365 days a year. The adults we support have the opportunity to get out in the community, take part in a variety of activities, and live their lives as independently as possible.

Minstead Trust

<https://www.minsteadtrust.org.uk/>

Our residential house in Lyndhurst is the perfect place for people with learning disabilities to be supported to live an independent life.

The safe and secure residential house in Lyndhurst is home to up to nine adults, with staff present 24 hours a day to support the residents.

Stable Family Home Trust

<https://sfht.org.uk/>

The residential service provides a 24-hour service. People are supported to choose what they do during the day; this may be in the form of college courses, employment or day support services.

Ryma Care

<https://www.rymacare.co.uk/>

Established in 2016, we have years of experience and passion in the social care sector, supporting adults of all ages living with a learning disability and autism spectrum disorder. Our mission is to enable people we support to achieve the best possible outcomes by offering them the right skills, confidence and inspiration. We continually develop our staff team by delivering the best responsive training packages to enable them to provide bespoke care.

Residential & Supported Living Placements

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Achieve Together

https://www.achievetogether.co.uk/homes/?fwp_service=residential

Achieve Together is one of the UK's leading providers for supporting people with learning disabilities. They have expertise in supporting people with particularly complex needs, including autism spectrum conditions, behaviours which may challenge, mental health conditions, profound and multiple learning disabilities and associated complex health needs.

'RESIDENTIAL LIVING PLACEMENTS OFTEN PROVIDE HIGH SUPPORT LEVELS'

Residential

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Choice Care Group

<https://www.choicecaregroup.com/>

Choice Care has a number of homes which provide specialist care and support for people with learning disabilities, autism, mental health conditions and associated complex needs.

Consensus Support

<https://www.consensusupport.com/support/accommodation-and-services/residential-services/>

Consensus residential services offer support and accommodation for people with learning disabilities, autism and additional complex needs including Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Cygnnet Health

<https://www.cygnethealth.co.uk/>

Cygnnet Health has a number of nationwide locations which provide specialist support for adults with autism and learning disabilities who may have complex needs and behaviours.

Priory Adult Care

<https://www.prioryadultcare.co.uk/specialist-residential-services/>

Priory Adult Care provides a range of specialist residential and supported living services to support adults aged 18 and over with a learning disability, autism, brain injury, Prader-Willi Syndrome, behaviours that challenge or a mental health condition.

Voyage Care

<https://www.voyagecare.com/>

We provide specialist support for over 3,500 people with learning disabilities, autism, brain injuries and complex needs. Whether you are looking for support in your own home, supported living accommodation, a registered care home or out in the community, our specialist teams are here to help you.

Camphill Community Placements

Nationwide

Camphill Community placements support and enable people with learning disabilities and other special needs to be nurtured in a community environment where their individual abilities and qualities can be recognised. To find out more about Camphill Communities, visit their website at <http://www.camphill.org.uk/>

Camphill Milton Keynes

<http://camphillmk.co/>

Supported Living
Opportunities to take part in activities such as land craft, gardening, bakery, café, shop, theatre, art & craft, tech lab and newsletter workshops.

Camphill St Albans

<https://www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/st-albans/>

Supported Living
Offers workshops such as jewellery making, weaving, animation, ceramics and different ways of designing and printing. They also have a café.

Croft Community - North Yorkshire

<https://www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/croft-community/>

Supported Living
Supported work opportunities in the market garden, café and craft workshops.

Delrow Community – Watford

<https://www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/delrow-community/> Residential

care homes/supported living
Day placements - social farming, textiles, design, bakery, pottery, forest craft.

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Devon Community – Devon

<https://www.camphilldevon.org.uk/>

Residential care home in Hapstead Village. Supported living is also provided in the Teignbridge and South Hams area of Devon.
Day Opportunities – horticulture, farming, craft such as textiles, metalwork, jewellery, woodwork, pottery

Gannicox Community – Gloucestershire

<http://www.gannicox.org/>

Supported Living provided through a separate organisation, Gannicox CIC.
Supported work and opportunities in the garden, workshops and bakery.

Glasallt Fawr - Carmarthen (Wales)

<http://www.glasallt-fawr.com/what-we-offer.html>

Residential care homes set on a 90-acre estate offering 24-hour care, 52 weeks of the year. Workshops include farming, gardening, animal care and weaving.

Grange Village – Gloucestershire

<https://www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/grange-village/>

Supported Living and Day Opportunities
Onsite activities that include a bakery, garden workshops and crafts.

Hatch Community - Bristol

www.hatchcommunity.org.uk

Supported Living
A range of accommodation styles from flats to community homes to suit individual needs. Workshops available in gardening, woodwork, weavery and crafts.

Lantern Community – Hampshire

www.lanterncommunity.org.uk

Residential home
Day Opportunities - Horticulture, weaving, pottery and felting. Opportunities to work in their shop, bakery, café and located close to, Sheiling College.

Larchfield Community – Middlesbrough

www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/larchfield-community

Supported Living.
Community is set on 160 acres of rural farmland. Offers a range of day opportunities.

Oaklands Park - Gloucestershire

<https://www.camphillvillagetrust.org.uk/locations/oaklands-park/>

Supported Living.
Situated within a 150-acre rural community which includes a livestock farm, 8-acre market garden, wood workshop and a weavery.

Orchard Leigh – Gloucestershire

<http://orchardleigh.org/>

Supported Living
Onsite activities that include a bakery, garden workshops and craft - textile, felting, candle and paper crafts.

Sturts Community Trust – Ferndown, Dorset

<http://www.sturtscommunitytrust.org.uk/>

Supported Living on the farm and in the local area.
Day Opportunities - organic farming, market garden, Foodstore, market stall, Gullivers Farm Shop, creamery and art studio.
Long-standing relationship with, and located close to, Sheiling College.

Thornage Hall – Norfolk

<https://www.thornagehall.co.uk/>

Supported Living
Day Opportunities – Farming, woodwork, weaving and bakery.

Victoria House – Wales (Part of Coleg Elidyr)

<https://colegelidyr.ac.uk/victoria-house/>

Supported Living
Opportunities in the onsite coffee shop.

'CAMPHILL ADULT COMMUNITIES WHERE INDIVIDUAL ABILITIES AND QUALITIES ARE RECOGNISED AND NURTURED AS THE FOUNDATION FOR A FULFILLING LIFE'

Camphill

Rural Residential & Supported Living

For those who benefit from wide open spaces and access to nature, a rural placement might be preferable. With options for both Supported Living and Residential provisions, rural placements can tailor the right level of support within gentle and therapeutic surroundings.

Kite House (Burrige Farm) Sandford, Devon

<http://www.autismcare.co.uk/burrige-farm/>

Crediton Care & Support Homes Limited aims to provide full and comprehensive support while still helping people to promote their own independence and retain their freedom and right to choose.

Red Kite Court, Masiemore, Gloucestershire

<http://www.precious-homes.co.uk/service/red-kite-court/>

Red Kite Court is a 'supported living plus' service which has been designed to support both young people and older adults (18-65 years).

Red Kite Court supports individuals with the following needs:

- Learning Disabilities
- Autism
- Behaviours which may be described as challenging
- Young people in transition

Stallcombe House, Woodbury, Exeter

<https://www.stallcombehouse.co.uk/>

A residential working environment for adults with a learning disability in a rural setting where each person is able to develop to the maximum of his/her ability, in their own time.

The Old Rectory, Musbury, East Devon

<http://oldrectorymusbury.co.uk/>

The Old Rectory cares for and supports individuals with learning disabilities, autism and other associated complex health, behavioural and emotional needs.

Day Opportunities

Dorset

Accessing day opportunities can be a great way for people with learning disabilities to engage in stimulating activities whilst being supported 1:1 or in a small group. Day Opportunity settings can support people to socially interact with others, promote access to the local community and provide the chance to explore vocational pathways that are of interest to them.

All Sort'd

<http://www.allsortd.org/services>

All Sort'd build a package around what a particular individual needs to learn so that they can gain independence in their own community. Primarily offering support through 3 main areas: living, work and learning.

Aspire Activity Group

<https://www.mylifemycare.com/article/6631/Aspire-Activity-Group>

Activity Group - arts and crafts, music making, games and friendship.

Bournemouth Gateway Club

<https://bournemouthgateway.co.uk/>

Pool, darts, life skills, yoga, dance, sports including football, cricket, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, sensory story telling, healthy eating and weight management sessions, computing, arts and crafts, 'knit and natter'.

Diverse Abilities

<https://diverseabilities.org.uk/adults/beeive/>

The Beehive Day Service - activity and therapy centre - music, arts and crafts, cookery, gardening, fitness training, swimming and drama.

Holtwood Community Farm, Holt

<http://holtwood-community-farm.co.uk/>

Explore and learn about the countryside, agriculture and horticulture whilst also developing independence, interpersonal skills and confidence.

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High Mead Farm, Ferndown

<https://highmeadfarm.org.uk/>

Horticulture and gardening, animal husbandry, arts and crafts, woodwork and construction along with workshops and events throughout the year.

Open Doors Training

<https://www.mylifemycare.com/open-doors-training>

Day Centre - ICT, all-female fitness and health including yoga, badminton, gym and street dance, music, arts and crafts, cooking, bowling and days out. They also offer an evening friendship group

Out and About Dorset, Poole

www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com

Onsite activities and offsite trips tailored to individual/group wishes. Educational qualifications offered.

Sturts Community Farm, Ferndown

<http://www.sturtscommunitytrust.org.uk/>

Organic farm, market garden, food store, market stall, Gullivers Farm Shop, creamery and art studio.

Tricuro Day Services

<https://www.tricuro.co.uk/services/day-services/>

- Wallisdown Plus
- Boscombe Connect & King's Park Allotment Project
- Bridport Connect
- Blandford Connect
- Christchurch Connect
- Dorchester Connect
- Parkstone Connect
- Portland Connect
- Purbeck Connect
- Stour Connect
- Sherborne Connect
- Swanage Connect
- Weymouth Connect
- Verwood Connect

Victoria Horticulture (Poole)

www.victoria.poole.sch.uk/services/victoria-horticulture

Day Service - horticulture activities: planting seeds, pruning within the gardens, creating hanging baskets for the community or harvesting the vegetables.

Well 4 Life

<https://www.helpandkindness.co.uk/service/1100/Well-4-Life-Day-Provision>

Drama/dance, friendship, outings, sport, exercise and fitness.

Windward Day Services

www.windward-dayservices.co.uk/

The Helix - gym, sailing, golf, horticulture, singing, drama, art and crafts, offsite trips, mechanics, work experience, life skills, cooking, tennis, yoga, swimming. Also offer a Saturday Club.

Day Opportunities

Hampshire

Minstead Trust

<https://www.minsteadrust.org.uk>

Offering a wide variety of support for people with learning difficulties and autism. With projects ranging from horticulture, catering, performing arts and many more. Supporting people to live more independently at home, make friends and learn new skills at day opportunities or receiving work training to move towards employment.

QE2 Activity Centre, Southampton

www.qe2activitycentre.co.uk

Mon-Fri (9:30-3:30) Cost: £60 per day

The Greenhouse - developing work, independent living skills and active leisure. Gardening, woodwork and catering.

Gold Day Service - Therapeutic Service - sensory room, music therapy, arts and crafts, yoga, cooking, outdoor activities including motorboat trips, bushcraft sessions and archery.

Team Q - swimming, going to the gym, taking part in onsite activities.

'OFTEN VARIED AND FLEXIBLE. POTENTIAL FOR FINDING A PROVIDER THAT SUITS INTERESTS'

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Reach Out Caring

<https://www.reachoutcaring.com/>

Reach Out Caring is a family run day service who provides a safe and quality environment that young adults can come and enjoy activities that they may struggle to get involved with else where. With fully qualified and trained staff who are here to help each individual enjoy their day.

Southampton Special Purpose Workshop

<http://www.sspw.co.uk/>

Woodwork, garage, crafts and a canteen. The farm is located in Durley and the shop is in Woolston with leisure activities in the community.

Speaking Space

<https://www.speakingspace.co.uk/>

Speaking Space Day Service focuses on developing independence through using a Total Communication approach. The main goal is for people to be as independent as they wish to be. Speaking Space focus on developing self-confidence, social communication skills and friendship skills.

Stable Family Home Trust, Ringwood

www.sfht.org.uk

Day service - gardening, pottery, arts and crafts and fitness

The Lantern Community, Ringwood

<https://www.mylifemycare.com/the-lantern-community>

Pottery, weavery, bakery, horticulture, land craft, wood craft, art studio, seasonal craft, shop and café.

Long-standing relationship with, and located close to, Sheiling College.

Way Ahead, Southampton

www.dayservicesouthampton.co.uk

- Chestnut Theatre Company
- Day Services Southampton
- The Way Ahead Community Group

Windward Day Services

www.windward-dayservices.co.uk/

- Thrive - Chandlers Ford (Mon-Fri)
- Windward - Totton (Mon-Fri)
- Spiral Blue - Ringwood (Mon-Fri)
- Cheers - New Milton (Weds & Fri)

Further Education Placements

Nationwide

If you are considering additional education after completion of the 3-year Sheiling College study programme, there are a number of Specialist Colleges across the UK. Please visit the Natspec website where you can input your criteria and an individualised search will be generated for you.

<https://natspec.org.uk/find-a-college/search/>

Alternative Education Placements

Following a three year course at Sheiling College, you may wish to explore some alternative education options where education can continue in an alternative setting. These Alternative Education settings often take place with a focus on accessing the community to continue building towards independence and vocational opportunities.

Employ My Ability (Age 16-25)

<https://employmyability.org.uk>

A unique environment where young people can learn more about hospitality, horticulture, animal studies and retail facilities in order to help students with learning disabilities and special educational needs & disabilities develop vital skills, expertise and confidence.

Futures Unlimited (Autism Unlimited - Futures 19-25 provision)

<https://www.autismunlimited.org>

Futures is a programme that empowers 18-25 year-olds to realise their full potential and achieve more independence in their lives. The provision is centred around the Preparation for Adulthood framework and bespoke learning opportunities, to allow each individual to learn the skills they need to achieve their life aspirations.

Further education

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Out & About Dorset

<https://www.facebook.com/outandaboutdorset> <http://www.poolefamilyinformationdirectory.com/kb5/poole/fis/service.page?id=RHen9bCYjuE>

A day care facility with the option for further education for adults with severe to moderate learning difficulties. Out & About Dorset pride themselves on having fantastic facilities where we can practise those all-important functional skills on a regular basis.

SWRAC – South West Regional Assessment Centre

<http://www.swrac.ac.uk>

Preparing young adults for adulthood within a day provision. Thrive is based in Merley House and focuses on developing learning and life skills to promote independence as a stepping stone to adulthood.

General Further Education Placements

On completion of a three year course at Sheiling College, continuing education may be a suitable option. Further education colleges can offer a range of programmes which can be tailored to suit the needs and abilities of each student including functional and vocational skills and can be accessed on a part time basis.

Bournemouth & Poole College – Foundation Learning Courses (Ages 16-25)

www.thecollege.co.uk/what-to-study/curriculum-areas/foundation-learning/foundation-learning

The college has a range of programmes suited to students ranging from Entry 1 to Level 1 work to develop in functional and vocational skills as well as preparing for employment.

Brockenhurst College

<https://www.brock.ac.uk/adult/adult-education/adult-inclusive-learning/>

Part-time courses for adults with learning differences and disabilities are provided across the College.

Courses cover a variety of topics and skills, including arts and crafts, cookery, choir, music, drama and dance.

Kingston Maurward College - Foundation Learning Course (Age 16+)

www.thecollege.co.uk/what-to-study/curriculum-areas/foundation-learning/foundation-learning

The college offers four different foundation programmes to meet the individual's needs ranging from Entry 1 to Level 1 with routes into different industries such as agriculture, welding, fabrication, blacksmithing, animal welfare, countryside, equine, horticulture, construction, outdoor adventure including work placements.

Totton College - Foundation Learning Course (Age 16+)

<https://www.totton.ac.uk/life-at-totton-college/educational-needs/>

All of our Skills for Life programmes are supported by trained and experienced lecturers and learning assistants. Delivered in a safe and nurturing environment, students are able to continue their education after leaving school. Our students gain the confidence, skills and abilities with our learning difficulties and disabilities tutors.

Camphill Further Education

Camphill Wakefield

<https://employability.org.uk>

Providing engaging environments for young people with SEND and autism to increase independence, communication and employability with options of residential and day provision.

Coleg Elidyr

<https://www.colegelidyr.ac.uk>

Specialist residential college of further education set within an 180-acre site in rural Carmarthenshire with options of residential and day provision.

The Mount Camphill Community

<http://www.mountcamphill.org/>

The Mount Independent Specialist College is part of a Camphill Community which provides engaged learning in a holistic environment with options of residential and day provision.



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