



# Independent Futures Team

Supporting young people with social care needs into adulthood



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## The Independent Futures Team

works with young people to increase their independence and plan for their future. They work with young people living in the Hampshire local authority area:

- who have significant disabilities and complex support needs and
- who need support to move into adulthood and
- who are eligible for adult social care support

The team supports young people to:

- have maximum choice in planning their own futures
- have a smooth transition from Children's services to Adult services
- develop skills to promote increased independence and fulfil their potential
- plan support to best meet their social care needs

Preparing for  
**Adulthood**



## Assessment & support planning

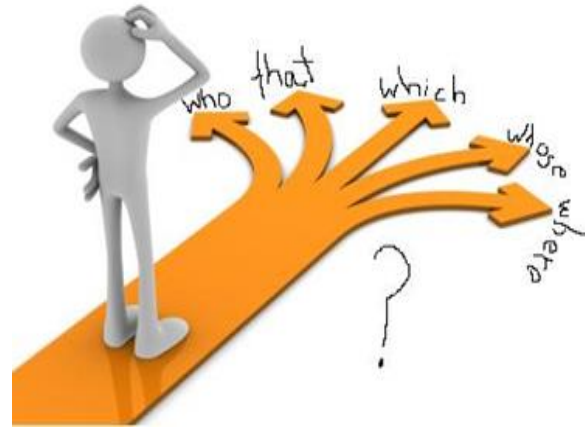
Assessments involve working with the young person, and people who are important in their lives, to identify any care and support needs the young person may have after the age of 18. This will include aspirations and hopes for the future. The young person's consent to a referral and assessment is required. If they lack mental capacity to make the decision, a decision can be taken in their best interest by a group of skilled and experienced people (including carers). The assessment will take place at a time that works best for the young person. This may be as early as age 14 but will often be at age 16 or 17.

**Anyone who has substantial difficulty in being involved in their assessment is entitled to help. If there is no appropriate person, they will be offered an advocate. For more information on advocacy, and an Easyread leaflet *Hampshire Care Act Advocacy*, visit [www.hants.gov.uk/advocacyservices](http://www.hants.gov.uk/advocacyservices)**

If the young person is assessed as having eligible needs, the team will plan with the young person how to meet these needs. This may not always result in funded services but may help identify support from friends, family and local community resources. Because the legal frameworks are different in Children's services and Adults service, some young people have support from children's services but are not eligible for adult services. Those young people who do not meet the adult eligibility criteria, will be signposted to alternative support and services.

## Eligibility for adult social care

Being eligible for adult social care support means that the young person's needs have been assessed and they have met the eligibility criteria stipulated within the Care Act 2014. More information about eligibility and assessment can be found on [www.hants.gov.uk/gettingstartedguide](http://www.hants.gov.uk/gettingstartedguide)



On this page, you can find Easyread leaflets:

- *Who can get help from Adult Services* – this explains eligibility, assessment and support planning.
- *Your information* - this explains how we use and store your information, and how records can be accessed.

## Carers

The Independent Futures Team also offers advice and assessments to:

- carers of young people who meet adult services eligibility criteria
- young carers if they are likely to be in need of support when they turn 18 years old



## Paying for adult social care

There is no charge for support directly by the Independent Futures Team staff. However, if care services are provided, the young person will usually be required to make a contribution towards the cost – following a financial assessment. More information and a copy of the booklet called *Paying for care at home* is available at [www.hants.gov.uk/payingforcare](http://www.hants.gov.uk/payingforcare)



## Further information and advice

**Adults' Health and Care department:**

**Telephone:** 0300 555 1386

**Out of Hours Service:** 0300 555 1373

**Text Phone:** 0300 555 1390

**Email:** [adult.services@hants.gov.uk](mailto:adult.services@hants.gov.uk)

**Web pages:** [www.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare](http://www.hants.gov.uk/adultsocialcare)

**Hampshire  
LOCAL OFFER**

Information about clubs, activities and services available to all young people in Hampshire can be found on the Hampshire Local offer website [www.hantslocaloffer.info](http://www.hantslocaloffer.info)

**Connect to  
Support  
Hampshire**

Information for adults with care and support needs in Hampshire, including local services and activities, can be found on the Connect to Support Hampshire website [www.hants.gov.uk/connectsupport](http://www.hants.gov.uk/connectsupport)