THE ‘INBETWEENERS’
Growing up, bridging the gaps and moving on

Transitions workshop 13th March 2013
Growing up-moving on?

Official ‘TRANSITION’
Transitions

- Toddler to pre-school
- Pre-school to primary school
- Primary school to secondary school
- Secondary school to
  - F/H education
  - day support
  - vocational training
  - work
- Young adult-older adult/senior citizen
Process of ‘transition’ can be initiated
But what do young people transition to?
Education - reasonably varied choices, though issues for some schools about staying on post-16
Employment- bewildering number of schemes –Job Introduction, Access to work, Choices, Workable…yet only around 15% in work
Health and Social Care- Adult autism services (?)
Cillian’s 2010 transition support

- Post-GCSE- ‘Plan A’- UCAS/ University
  - ‘Plan B’-Job Centre

- No contact with transition teams, either Trust or ELB

- University- Student Guidance
  - ELB DSA-note taker, mentor, lap top, printer

- Voluntary orgs- tailored settling in programme (PEAT)
  _ everyday living skills/social group (Autism Initiatives)
Some things to consider...

- Putting in place educational support (quite smooth due to DSA/Student Guidance & Voluntary organisations)

- Finding suitable accommodation (could have been difficult except for siblings)

- Benefits system - ESA/DLA/ Housing Benefit etc extremely difficult unless you know your way or can access good advice e.g. CAB.
How easy is it now to find information on transitions in our area?
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**Facilities Information**

**Main Services Provided**
The Transitions team helps young physically disabled people to identify and make choices about their future.

- Organisation Type Health & Social Services
- Main Age Groups 17-18 years
- 19-25 years
- **Method of Access (Referral) Social Worker**
- Family Support Services Categories Disability Support
- Main Category of Services Disability
Conclusions

- Support – and information – variable
- School/family/voluntary sector support is often essential – you need to ‘bridge the gaps’ in statutory provision
- Do not wait until 16 to think about options
- Be proactive – read, phone, write
- Keep a record of all correspondence, especially with Benefits offices!
- Remember, growing up isn’t easy for any young people – at times, they all face challenges & disappointments as well as achievements.