

**Oaklands Coffee Morning
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CW&C SEN Team**

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Agenda

- SEN – PFA Team
- Planning for Transitions
- Transitions to FE
- Transitions - Preparation for Adulthood
- Supported Internships
- Conclusion

SEN PFA team

- The Team are area based – Caseworkers work in Chester/EP and Northwich/Winsford.
- Team will attend Annual Reviews if they can
- Liaise with Health and Care professionals if provision required
- Work with Oaklands and Colleges on provision.
- Note – Oaklands manage the Annual Review process

Planning for Transitions

- Start early – as early as Year 7
- Use your Annual Reviews to discuss options
- We have support from agencies within the Local Authority such as Young Peoples Service.
- Use the Local Offer and the information in there.
[Home | Live Well Cheshire West \(cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk\)](http://cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)
- One key document – a transition map for parents, carers and young people.

Transition to FE process for those with EHCPs.

- This is a statutory process.
- If young people are moving to Further Education (FE), Annual Reviews take place in the Autumn Term
- We have to have completed final plans by 31st March.
- That is not the end, young people may change their mind and so changes may happen in the summer term.

Transitions - Preparation for Adulthood

Highlights and communication:

- Monthly Webinars – communicating and helping parents/carers
- The Post 16 Pathway – on live well site
- YPS - highlighted by Ofsted as good practice.
- Strong College Network – highlighting gaps in provision
- Only LA provider directly delivering Supported Internships.



New Ground

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What is a Supported Internship?

An SI is a full-time 1-year study programme that includes tailored employability training alongside an extended unpaid work placement for young people 16-24 years with special educational needs (SEN) in receipt of an education, health and care plan (EHCP).



What is a Supported Internship?

- The aim for the programme is to give each learner the best opportunity of securing paid employment at the end of the programme.
- Cheshire West and Chester Council's Skills & Employment team launched its new Supported Internship programme in October 2020.

The Team

- Darryl Jones – Supported Internship Co-Ordinator
- Jackie Southern – SEN Tutor
- Karina Zlocinska – Employment Support Officer
- Clare Rolfe – Employment Support Officer



Conclusions

Conclusion

- Transition as early as possible
- Use support agencies and Oaklands
- Supported Internship – more employment opportunities.
- Remember help is available