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SEND Shropshire
Pathways to careers

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Shropshire Local Offer

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The Job Box

What is FutureFocus?

FutureFocus is a specialist careers service run by Telford and Wrekin Council, which provides impartial information, advice and guidance for young people in Telford, aged 13 - 19 years old (or up to 25 if they have an education, health & care plan or had a statement of special educational needs).

FutureFocus can also help when things get in the way of learning or future plans.

From September 2012, the statutory duty was placed on schools/colleges to provide access to independent and impartial careers guidance for their students, and they are free to make arrangements as they choose. Please contact FutureFocus to check if the school or college your young person attends buys in the FutureFocus service to provide career guidance.

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Futurefocus mission statement

To engage and inspire young people to make positive transitions into education, employment and training.

We will do this by:

- delivering professional, impartial, client-centred careers information, advice and guidance
- delivering expert, up-to-date knowledge and information with an understanding of available opportunities
- delivering a service that motivates and enables young people to make well-informed, realistic decisions

Careers guidance pathway what happens and when?

Year 9

The aim in year 9 is to help young people explore their aspirations and how different post-16 education options can support them towards these. FutureFocus' role will be to start collating information to inform the Careers and Transition report which will be submitted in their final year forming their careers journey. This also includes providing impartial advise and guidance to assist in post 16/19 choices and transition.

Year 10

The aim in year 10 should be to support the young person and their family to explore more specific courses or places to study (for example, through taster days and visits) so they can draw up provisional plans. FutureFocus will continue to gather information towards the young persons careers and transition report which documents the careers guidance provided and transitional support recommended.

Year 11

The aim in year 11 should be to support the young person and their family to firm up their plans for their post-16 options and familiarise themselves with the expected new setting. This should include contingency planning and the young person and their family should know what to do if plans change (because of exam results for example). FutureFocus will complete the careers and transition report which documents the careers guidance provided and transitional support recommendations. They will receive a copy of this attached to their amended EHC plan as an appendix.

What is a careers and transition report?

A careers and transition report is a document which reflects your young person's views, their aspirations and how they might achieve them. The careers and transition report will work towards looking at education and/or employment pathways - exploring different education, training and employment.

A FutureFocus careers adviser will work with your young person from year 9 to collect and record their education and employment aspirations. Futurefocus will be involved in the annual review process, where this information will be shared with you and key professionals.

It is vital that the careers and transition report reflects the young person's views and goals.

Before the meeting you might want to:

- talk with your young person about their future goals/ambitions
- think about what help your young person might need for the transition from school
- think about what you want to discuss at the meeting
- write down any questions you might like to ask

What other services can help?

The SEND Shropshire local offer is an online service which enables young people and families to access information they need and helps them to find local services and activities. It is intended to help you find information about services and provision that are available, how to access them or signpost you to someone who can help you find them.

The SEND local offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families across education, health, social care and the voluntary and independent sectors. It enables you to search within your local community and across Shropshire as a whole for information on:

- benefits
- personal budgets
- independent living
- education health and care plans
- short breaks
- care services
- education and training
- health services
- leisure and fun
- Shropshire post 16 transport policy
- Shrewsbury independent travel training policy

How can I access SEND?

- Go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/
- Supported access at any of the council's libraries or over the telephone via their contact number 03456789063
- Free, confidential, impartial and accessible advice through IASS. If you are a parent with a child at school, or a young person up to the age of 25, and you are looking for practical help with special educational needs procedures, information concerning health or social care or you just want someone to listen to your concerns. Information, advice support service,
  Fletcher House,
  15 College Hill,
  Shrewsbury,
  SY1 1LY

  Tel: 01743 280019 email: iass@cabshropshire.org.uk

  Website: www.cabshropshire.org.uk/shropshire-iass
- Access within schools, colleges and children's centres

Education/training provider learner support

Post 16 learning support is available to all young people, regardless of the level of course or education provider.

Examples of support can include:

- Support for functional skills (English and Maths and ICT)
- Arrangements for exam concessions
- Specialist support for those with dyslexia, sensory or mobility impairment
- Specialist equipment
- Individualised support may be provided as required and appropriate

Learner support is assessed by the college when they receive a copy of the young persons education, health and care plan from their local authority SEND Team, which outlines the level of provision required to meet their special educational needs.

What are your local colleges and 6th forms?

North Shropshire College	Shrewsbury College Group
Tel: **01939 262100** Web: **www.nsc.ac.uk**	Tel: **01743 342342** Web: **www.shrewsbury.ac.uk**
South Staffordshire College	**Stafford College**
Tel: **01785 712209** Web: **www.southstaffs.ac.uk**	Tel: **01785 223800** Web: **www.staffordcoll.ac.uk**
Telford College	**Adams Grammar 6th Form**
Tel: **01952 642929** Web: **www.telfordcollege.ac.uk**	Tel: **01952 953810** Web: **www.adamsgs.uk**
6th Form at Severndale Academy	**Thomas Adams 6th Form, Wem.**
Tel: **01743 563333** Web: **https://severndaleacademy.co.uk/**	Tel: **01939 237058** Web: **www.thomasadams.net/sixth-form/**
Grove School 6th Form, Market Drayton	**Idsall School, Shifnal**
Tel: **01630 652121** Web: **https://groveschoolmarketdrayton.co.uk/yoursixthform/**	Tel: **01952 488406** Web: **https://www.idsallschool.org/sixth-form/**
Oldbury Wells School 6th Form, Bridgnorth	**Sir John Talbot's 6th Form, Whitchurch**
Tel: **01746765454** Web: **http://www.oldburywells.com/**	Tel: **01948 660600** Web: **https://www.sirjohntalbots.co.uk/yoursixthform/**
The Marches 6th Form, Oswestry	**William Brookes, Much Wenlock**
Tel: **01691 664400** Web: **https://www.marchesacademytrust.co.uk/**	Tel: **01952 728900** Web: **http://www.williambrookes.com/sixth-form/courses.php**

Support can be provided to explore 6th forms outside Shropshire as required.

What are your local training providers?

Training providers offer a wide range of qualifications in a smaller, more flexible environment. A Study programme will include employability, work experience, literacy and numeracy.

Some training providers also offer supported internships and apprenticeships. training providers:

County Training	**Juniper**
Tel: **0345 678 9023** Web: **www.ctapprenticeships.co.uk/**	Tel: **01952 299016** Web: **www.junipertraining.co.uk**
Landau	**Nova**
Tel: **01952 245015** Web: **www.landau.co.uk**	Tel: **01952 243380** Web: **www.novatraining.co.uk**
Access Sport	**Crossbar**
Tel: **01514 334930** Web: **www.accesssport.ac.uk**	Tel: **01952 677965** Web: **www.crossbarcoaching.com/**
MENCAP	**Really NEET**
Tel: **07960 491413** Web: **www.mencap.org.uk/**	Tel: 01952 684884 Web: **www.reallyneet.co.uk**

Progression routes from a study programme could include:

- work
- college
- traineeship
- apprenticeship
- supported internship

What are Specialist Post 16 Institutions? (SPI)

An SPI provides specialist support for young people with a range of learning difficulties or disabilities. If a residential placement is required this would typically be for 37 weeks a year. SPI's are situated all around the country. Funding for SPI placements is reviewed on an annual basis by the local authority SEND team.

The process

Please be aware that all local provision will be considered for suitability before any local authority funding is approved.

Gathering the information required for an application can be a lengthy process. It is suggested that you start to look at this at least 2 years before your young person leaves school.

In order to identify which SPI's might be suitable for your young person, you can find lots of information on the NATSPEC website. www.natspec.org.uk

You will need to check with your local authority SEND team at this stage to make sure the SPI you are thinking about is approved for funding.

You may wish to arrange to visit the SPI before you make a formal application.

Once an application and a copy of the education, health & care plan has been received by the SPI, they will make a decision about whether they can meet the needs of your young person. If they can they will invite your young person to an assessment within the SPI setting.

If an offer of a place is made by the SPI, the local authority will be informed. They will then need to make a decision about funding. This could include consideration of local colleges, progression routes from the SPI, transition after the SPI and whether your young person will benefit from an SPI setting.

All young people are advised to have a back up plan. Further information regarding this process can be found on the Shropshire Local offer page.

Important information

Child Benefit: When your child turns 16

Your Child Benefit stops on 31 August on or after your child's 16th birthday if they leave education or training. It continues if they stay in approved education or training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office. A letter will be sent to you in your young person's last year at school asking you to confirm their plans.

Contact details

My FutureFocus careers adviser is called:

My FutureFocus careers adviser's office telephone number is: 01952 388988

My FutureFocus careers adviser's mobile telephone number is:

My FutureFocus careers adviser can be emailed using the below email address (Please address the email to your adviser and ensure you leave your name and date of birth):

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