

# THE 'INBETWEENERS'

Growing up, bridging the gaps  
and moving on

Transitions workshop 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013

# Growing up-moving on?



Official  
'TRANSITION'



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# 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

# Transition to?

- ▣ **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 sibling)
- ▣ Benefits system- ESA/DLA/ Housing Benefit etc **extremely difficult** unless you know your way or can access good advice e.g. CAB.

# Transitions 2013?

How easy is it now to find information on transitions in our area?

# A brief internet search....ELB Transition service

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A not-so brief Internet search...

# Trust Transitions services

- ▣ **Physical Health and Disability Service (Transitions Team) - Northern Trust**
- ▣ **Contact Information**
- ▣ Address 12 Dublin Road, Antrim Postcode BT41 4EA [View Location on Map >](#)  
Telephone Number 028 9442 6034 Web Address [www.northerntrust.hscni.net](http://www.northerntrust.hscni.net) Please contact our office for more information using the telephone number given in this profile.
- ▣ **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.