

PfA Self-evaluation tool: Local Authority – Adults' Social Care



The Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) suite of self evaluation tools are designed to support professionals from across education, health and social care, and in both children's and adults' services, to ensure young people and their families are able to prepare effectively for adulthood.

Each tool is made up of a list of key themes for each audience and considers what should be happening in local areas. Professionals can use the self evaluation tool to understand what is working well and where things might need to improve.

For each audience it signposts to key PfA resources that support practice. It will identify key messages from Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and link to other relevant legislation and statutory guidance. For additional wider resources related to preparation for adulthood please visit our [resource hub](#).

This checklist is designed for professionals working in Adults' social care. For a fuller picture it can be read in conjunction with the checklist for Children's social care.

Does this happen?	Always	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never	Key Resources
<p>Young people who are likely to have care and support needs post-18 are identified early and transition plans are in place¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult social workers attend/engage with annual reviews from yr 9 where there is a likely need for care and support post-18. • There is a clear and well publicised process for identifying young people who need a child's needs assessment under the Care Act 2014. • Where a young person is likely to have care and support needs post-18, and it is of significant benefit to them for Transition Assessments under the Care Act 2014 to be undertaken, these happen in a timely way. • Adult social workers link EHC planning processes with transition assessments and care and support plans² under the Care Act 2014 to minimise duplication. • Adult and children's services are integrated, where appropriate, and commissioned jointly. • There is a shared understanding of agreed outcomes between the young person, family and all relevant agencies. <p><small>1 Chapter 16 Care and support statutory guidance. 2 Chapter 10 Care and support statutory guidance. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/366104/43380_23902777_Care_Act_Book.pdf</small></p>				<p>PfA Factsheet: The links between The Children and Families Act 2014 and The Care Act 2014</p> <p>PfA Review Toolkit</p> <p>The role of social care in implementing The Children and Families Act 2014</p>

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<p>Young people and their families can access good information, advice and support on adult social care¹</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Offer has a well-developed Preparing for Adulthood section that clearly identifies the social care support and provision available for young people aged 18-25.² • The Information, Advice and Support Service is equipped to support young people up to the age of 25, including in relation to social care.³ • Arrangements are in place to provide independent advocacy for young people undergoing transition assessments where certain conditions are met.⁴ • Adult social care works in partnership with education, health, children’s social care, housing and employment providers to ensure they have a good understanding of adult services. <p><small>1 Chapter 4 SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years 2 Paragraph 4.52 SEND Code of Practice 3 Paragraph 2.1 SEND Code of Practice 4 Section 67 Care Act 2014</small></p>				<p>Developing the Preparation for Adulthood section of the Local Offer</p> <p>PfA Review Toolkit</p> <p>The role of social care in implementing the Children and Families Act 2014</p>

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<p>Young people can access support that leads to fulfilling adult lives in line with the PfA outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The local authority has good information and monitoring systems to allow adult social care to forecast demand for support relating to training and employment; housing and support; and community inclusion support based on EHC plans and/or annual reviews of young people from 14+. • The local authority and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provide market statements to develop evidence based support for employment; independent living; good health and wellbeing; and friends, relationships and community inclusion. • Adult social care engages with young people and their families to arrive at the best possible outcomes for everyone, including family carers. • Adult social workers understand the principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005¹ and apply them appropriately to enable students to have a say in their planning and decision making. 				<p>PfA Factsheet: Joint commissioning in action</p> <p>Workforce Development: A Guide</p> <p>PfA Factsheet: The Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Supported Decision Making</p> <p>PfA Review Toolkit</p>

¹ The Mental Capacity Act 2005 Code of Practice.
https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/224660/Mental_Capacity_Act_code_of_practice.pdf

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