

Parent/carer survey questionnaire

As parents and carers, we all want our children to grow up and live fulfilling lives. We support our children the best way we can to reach their potential and take those first steps into adulthood.

A young person with additional needs is likely to need more support than others. For young people with Autism and Asperger's, the world can be a confusing place. This means that when they are old enough to want to live independent lives, they will need support to tackle some of life's pressures.

Stockport Council are currently exploring how young people and their families can be best supported as they move from childhood into adulthood, and so that they can prepare for independence wherever possible.

We are looking for feedback from 2 groups of parent/carers:

- For those with young people aged 14-17, we would like to know what would best help you to support your child as they prepare for adulthood.
- For those who are still supporting young adults aged 18-25, what have your experiences of services been like and what could have made that journey better for you?

This is really important as it will help to shape and improve services. The aim is to make sure that less young adults find themselves in crisis once they have made that leap into independence.

This survey has been developed in partnership with parent/carer groups in Stockport.

Please base your answers on your thoughts and your family's experience. All findings will be presented so that no one can be personally identified from what they say. Everything you say will remain anonymous and will be treated confidentially.

Young people will be consulted separately.

This survey should take around 5-10 minutes to complete. There are two ways you can take part.

You can either:

- complete the survey online using the link below. The online survey is hosted by Stockport Council but they will not know who has taken part.

<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=145270343837>

or

- contact Helen Hayes – see below – and ask for a copy to be e-mailed/posted to you

If you require this questionnaire in any other format e.g another language, large print, please contact Helen.

Helen Hayes - contact details:

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If you are interested in being involved in further discussion/research regarding this issue, please provide your contact details at the end of the survey or e-mail them to Helen using the e-mail above.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and experiences – your feedback is incredibly important.

Closing date – Friday 12th February 2016

The outcome of this survey will be available on the 'Transitions' page of the Stockport Council 'Local Offer' website once research is completed.