



Transition Team

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This information leaflet has been produced for you to learn a little bit about our team, before we start working with you.

It is important that you know we are here for you. We're a friendly and supportive team so please get in touch!





Who are we and what do we do?

The Transition team was formed in 2017, designed to specifically work with young adults with moderate-severe learning disabilities and Sensory/Physical disabilities, who are supported by an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) , who are going through a transitional period in their life. up to the age of 25.

This transitional period could be anything from leaving a school setting, and entering a college environment, leaving a college environment and entering into a work or volunteer environment or moving out of the family home and building independence and gaining a tenancy.

The Transition Team work closely with individuals and families in the Halton area to ensure the transitional period is successful and is as stress-free as possible, for all involved.





Who are we and what do we do?

The Transition team, work with a number of different teams throughout Halton, to ensure individuals receive support throughout their transitional journey such as:

- Halton Day services
- Community Bridge Builders
- Mental Health Outreach Team
 - Welfare Rights

We also work closely with a number of educational provisions throughout Halton such as:

- Riverside College
- Cavendish Academy
- Ashley High and Sixth Form
 - Chestnut Lodge

We may identify that you require support through a direct payment route, at a number of different provisions both in the local area, and out of borough.

A direct payment can also be used for PA hours.

(Eligibility for these services will be determined throughout the Care Act Assessment)



What happens when a referral is made?

A referral can be made to our team via a number of different routes.

A referral could be made by our Children's social care teams or by an educational setting, such as Cavendish Academy, Ashley High or Riverside College.

A referral can also be made by parents, carers or guardians of an individual, needing the support.

When a referral is made to the team, the team take the time to evaluate the referral, and may need to speak with their the referrer, or a family member for more information on the individual and complete a document we call a 'Triage'

This is to ensure they receive the right support needed for that person.

Following the Triage being completed, the team will then contact the individual, or their parents/guardian to inform them of the outcome.

Should the Transition team be a suitable team for the individual, a Supported Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) will be completed in due course, which will be an arranged face to face visit, to see how we can best support.





What if the Transition Team isn't the right support?

If it is agreed that the Transition Team is not the right team to support the individual, we will do our best to help you and try to identify the right team of people to help you the best way possible.

We can signpost and refer you on to the following teams:

- IAT—Initial Assessment Team
- Community Bridge Builders
- Mental Health Outreach Team
 - Halton People into Jobs
- NEET (not in education, work or training)
 - Health improvement team
 - Welfare Rights
 - Citizens advice Bureaux

And plenty more.





What happens once the assessment has been completed?

Once your assessment has been completed, and the support required is identified, your allocated worker will work closely with you and your family to support the transition.

Your worker will remain in contact with you, and will be there when they are needed. You can contact your allocated worker, or a member of the team anytime you feel you need support.

Every 6 –12 months, your allocated worker, or a member of the transition team, will complete outcome focused reviews with you, to ensure that everything remains up to date, set outcomes for you to work towards and ensure you are receiving the amount of support you need.



Meet The Team

Dean Tierney
Principal Manager



About me

- I am the Principal Manager of the Transition Team since February 2023 , prior to this, I was Principal Manager of the Adult Safeguarding Team for 4 years.
- I have worked in various settings within social care.
- I am originally from Huyton and now live in Halton.
 - I am married and have a daughter.
 - I like football, boxing and golf .
 - In my spare time, I like playing the guitar.



Meet The Team

Kym Lawson

Advanced Social Worker
practitioner



About me

- I live in Halton, and have lived here all my life.
- I have been a Social Worker since 2009 and have worked with the Transition Team since 2017.
- I am married and have a daughter and 2 dogs called Beau and Abbi.
- I travel to different locations with my daughter who is part of a swim team.
- I enjoy going on trips, and having meals out with my family.
- I like listening to true crime podcasts and I support Liverpool football club.



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Rob Cheshire

Advanced Social Worker
practitioner



About me

- I am a local person who grew up and went to school in Widnes.
- I have worked in social care for about 34 years largely in children services.
- Over the last couple of years I have been seconded (leant) to the transition team because of my childcare knowledge and experience of working with children and young people with complex needs.
- In my spare time I enjoy watching sports and support Widnes Rugby League Club, And Liverpool Football Club.



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Pamela Marsden
Social Worker



About me

- I was brought up in the local area but spent most of my career in Mid Wales in Children and Adult services.
- I started working for Halton on the Complex care team in 2020 and moved to the Transition Team in March 2023.
- I enjoy gardening, walking my collie Petra and baking in my free time.
 - Camping holidays also give me much joy.



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Mickela Sullivan
Social Worker



About me

- I am from Liverpool and have grown up with my 3 siblings who have Autism.
- I have been a part of the transition team since 2018 and really enjoy working with our young people to help them achieve their goals.
- I love to read, my favorite book is Harry Potter.
 - I enjoy going for walks along the beach.
 - I support Everton.

