

Contact a Family and Royal Mencap Society invite you to attend

Growing Up, Moving On

A free event for parents of children and young people
(aged 12-25) with a disability.



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Essential information for parents of children and young people
as they prepare for the transition to adulthood

Monday 24th March 2014 at

**Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside
WA12 0HQ**

From 10am to 2.30pm (registration from 9.30am)

Booking is essential.

**Places are limited and available on a first come, first served basis
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A free event with refreshments and lunch provided

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Policy Update Presentation

James Robinson, Royal Mencap Society Policy Officer, will present an update on policy, including the Children and Families Bill.



Workshops and seminars: The opportunity to attend 3 sessions from the following 5 choices:

‘Personalisation, Personal Budgets and Direct Payments - busting the myths’

This workshop will give you a chance to understand the ideas and principles behind Personalisation as well as really getting to grips with what personal budgets and Direct Payments could mean for you and your family.

Facilitated by Tricia Nicoll – Parent, In Control Associate and Director of Tricia Nicoll Consulting



Growing Up, Moving On

Starting to think and plan for the future may raise worries and concerns - This seminar introduces an overview of the key transition points when moving from child to adult services, how you as parents can start preparing and how you can plan with your child.

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Legally Speaking

- Understand your legal rights to services and support to help you through the transition period
- The legal responsibilities of local authorities and health to provide support services during the transition process

Facilitated by Irwin Mitchell Solicitors



Workshops and seminar choices (continued)

Person Centred Planning - PATHS (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) and the way forward

What is person centred planning, what are PATHS? Find out more about what person centred planning means, about PATHS and how we as a forum apply person centred planning in our work and how and why we use them. Also how we have adopted a person centred approach throughout our personalisation pilots.

Facilitated by Bury Parents Forum



Making it happen in real Life: Joe's Story

Caroline became involved in trying to influence change for people with disabilities when her son Joe contracted meningitis at six months old and was left with complex disabilities. Joe was one of the first people in the country to have his own individual budget and now has his own house, business, car and a good sustainable life.

Facilitated by Caroline Tomlinson: a co-founder and director of In Control, Director of My Life CIC, and Joe Tomlinson's mother.



Over lunch there will be the opportunity to speak to a range of people, including:

**Advisors from Contact a Family and Mencap
Mencap Services
Golden Lane Housing
James Robinson – Mencap Policy Officer**