The Local Authority’s view on the reforms

June 2014
Building on Strong Foundations
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• Learning for Living and Work initiative and funding

• Common starting point – young person in the centre of the process

• Working together to achieve best outcomes for the Young Person

• Funding follows the young people – not the other way around!

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Building on Strong Foundations

- Transparency around the provision 16+ and 19+

- Smooth ‘handover’ from the old EFA funding system to the new HNS arrangements

- ‘Gliding swan’ - full commitment to ensure stability for students irrespective of ‘stage or age’
Working together
Preparing for Adulthood Vision

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‘The vision for the Preparing for Adulthood strategy is to ensure that young people (aged 14-25) with high needs achieve the best possible learning outcomes and progression into adult life.’

‘They will be supported to do this through local provision which has been planned and developed according to young people’s aspirations and needs.’
Preparing for Adulthood Strategy
Key themes

• Theme 1 Strategy and planning
• Theme 2 Quality of provision
• Theme 3 Working with partners
• Theme 4 Resources and sustainability
Getting Ready ....
....through effective and hard working!
How are we responding to new reforms....?

Hertfordshire LA and Colleges

SEND Pathfinder Outcomes

Supported Internships in FE Colleges

FE Colleges Funding Task Group

Data Tracking and Management Information Group

Transition Support Worker Pilot

Securing a high quality and sustainable in-county SEN offer post-16
Local Authority & FE College Joint Initiatives

FE HNS Funding Arrangements

• 2 Year FE HNS Funding Task Group
• Colleges part of the Post 16 Placement & Funding Panel
• HNS Contract & Schedules for planned places and funding agreed and signed by end of June for September starters
• Monthly individual FE College HNS Funding meeting to review process
• Investing HNS funding in local provision through joint commissioning – reduction of out county ISPs

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Local Authority & FE College Joint Initiatives

FE Curriculum Group

- Transparent and accessible Local Offer
- ‘Free consultancy’ to review and ‘re-fresh’ provision for high needs Students in response to the Code of Practice
- 5-day offer in a wider sense – ‘quality not quantity’
- Alignment with Social Care, Health and Voluntary Sector
- Bringing independent living into educational context e.g. Ware Project

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Local Authority & FE College Joint Initiatives

Joint working with Local Schools and FE Colleges

- Clear progression pathways
- Stage not age – ‘pick & mix’ approach
- Transition Support Workers
- Post 16 Action Research Projects
- Work Experience offer

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Local Authority & FE College Joint Initiatives

Young People and Parents Engagement

- Young People Focus Group on the Local Offer
- Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Web tool
- Living Live Planning between Schools and Colleges to support the new EHC Plan conversions
- PfA Information Events – co-produced between LA, FE Colleges and Parents

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Work Force Developments on new SEND Duties

- SEND Duties training on EHC Plan process, mediation, tribunals and reviews
- SEND Reforms Getting Ready Briefings for School Heads and FE College Leaders
- Capacity funding on the LDA Conversion Process
- SEND Reforms working Group
- Training in Systematic Instruction/Job Coaching
- FE Curriculum Support
The Local Offer in Schools and College

• Local authorities must publish a Local Offer setting out in one place information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care.

• The Local Offer should not simply be a directory of existing services. Its success depends as much upon full engagement with children, young people and their parents as on the information it contains.

• Provide information for young people and their families and carers in a format which is interesting, engaging and accessible.

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Local Offer in FE Colleges

• Each College will produce and publish their Local Offer by September 2014

• Young People and parents will give their views on the Local Offer

• The Local Authority will publish their vision for the Post 16 Local Offer

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