



**Northern
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Children's
Hospice**

Transition from Children's Hospice Services to Adult Services

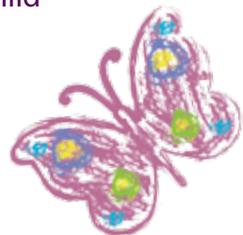
What is transition?

Transition refers to when your child moves from Children's Hospice Services to adult services. We understand that change can sometimes be daunting, however the process takes place over a long period so there will be no sudden or immediate changes to your child's care. We work with multidisciplinary professionals to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible and that your child and family are fully supported throughout.

Fourteenth birthday

Transition will begin to be discussed at the annual review around your child's fourteenth birthday. By planning ahead, this ensures that there are no sudden changes to your child's care and enables you to have an input towards your child's transition planning process.

You will also be introduced to the Children's Hospice Transition Nurse Specialist following your child's fourteenth birthday. Their role is to work with health and social care professionals from both children's and adult's services to ensure that you and your child are fully involved in the transition plan.





Sixteenth birthday

Once your child celebrates their sixteenth birthday, the next stage of the transition process will involve a number of different meetings to determine their future care needs. The Transition Nurse Specialist will let you know who will be meeting to discuss your child's transition and care plan. Your child's key worker will also attend the meetings to ensure your wishes are discussed.

Eighteenth birthday

After your child's eighteenth birthday, their annual review will specifically focus on determining the appropriateness of continued use of Children's Hospice services.

The final stage of the process

It is usual for young people to move to adult's services by their nineteenth birthday. The Transition Nurse Specialist will work closely with you and your child during this time. Once the transition period is complete, your child will no longer use Children's Hospice services. If your child is considered to be too ill or unstable to complete the transition, the move to adult's services will be postponed and Children's Hospice services will continue until the next review.

If you would like further information on the transition process, please contact any member of the management team on 028 9077 7635.

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