

## **Strategic Priorities 2019/21**

**Our aim is to improve the experiences of young people (14-25) who require additional support who are making the transition to young adult life.**

Membership of the Scottish Transitions Forum is free and open to anyone who shares our vision. We have over 900 members, including professionals from *all* relevant sectors, young people and their carers. We consult our members on all aspects of our work.

Our work benefits all young people who require additional support in Scotland, including those with learning disabilities, autism, physical disabilities, sensory impairments, life limiting health conditions, mental health difficulties, young carers and those who have been looked after.

### **Objective 1: Support joined-up working across all services**

#### **Key activities:**

- Lead the work of the Scottish Transitions Forum and grow its membership
- Work with partners to develop a Nationally agreed non-mandatory framework for transitions
- Hold national conferences, seminars and workshops to address critical issues
- Provide up-to-date information through our website and regular e-bulletins
- Continue to support all stakeholders to work together to develop solutions, share knowledge and resources.



## **Objective 2: Continually improve knowledge, motivation and practice**

### **Key activities:**

- Provide specialist information, advice and guidance to professionals to support the application of '*Principles of Good Transitions*'
- Work with partners to produce supplements to 'Principles' that provide best practice guidance for particular groups
- Review and improve approaches to data gathering and evaluation
- Deliver 'Getting Transitions Right' training throughout Scotland
- Inform and influence the development of transitions strategies and policy at local and national levels
- Publish and disseminate the fourth edition of 'Principles of Good Transitions.'

## **Objective 3. Inform and empower young people and their carers**

### **Key activities:**

- Provide accessible information, advice and guidance to young people and carers about their rights and entitlements
- Provide support to young leaders and carers to engage with the development of transitions strategies and policy at national and local levels
- Provide opportunities for young leaders and carers express their views through delivering presentations, training, through film and other creative media
- Support young people to develop and co-deliver all of our transitions training
- Conduct a second national survey of young people and their carers about their experiences of transition
- Coproduce the content and dissemination of 'Principles 4' with young people and carers.



## **Outcomes:**

### **Young people who require additional support and carers will have improved:**

- Opportunities to reach their potential
- Person-centred and coordinated transitions
- Understanding of their rights, entitlements and the support available to them
- Opportunities to share experiences and learn from each other
- Opportunities to shape the decisions that affect them
- Confidence, motivation and appetite to lead change.

### **Practitioners have improved:**

- Awareness, skills and knowledge about approaches that put young people at the centre of their support
- Person-centred and coordinated practice
- Opportunities to work and learn together across professional boundaries
- Understanding of relevant policy and legislation and capacity to implement it
- Confidence, motivation and appetite to lead change

### **Policy makers National and local government will have improved:**

- Awareness of the experiences and views of young people and their carers
- Opportunities to work and learn together across professional boundaries
- Informed and coordinated strategic approaches to improving transitions
- Information to evaluate progress and address gaps
- Confidence, motivation and appetite to lead change

