

Advice if you are in school year S4 to S6

If you are in S4, you may be thinking about staying on at school, or you may be planning to leave school when you reach your school leaving age. You may have clear ideas about what you would like to do in the future, or you may not have any clear goals. Whatever your plans, it's important that you have opportunities to talk about your ideas about your future, to learn about the opportunities available to achieve these ambitions, and to think about any help which you might need to manage this.

Transition Planning

In S4, your school should arrange for a Transition Planning meeting to take place. You will be invited to this meeting, as will your parent(s)/ carer(s), and the school will invite the people involved in providing the support you need. If you have a social worker, this person will be invited, and if you have support with your health, a health professional may be invited. In North Lanarkshire, a Social Worker from the Transition Planning Team is also likely to attend your meeting. This person helps to ensure that the right people are involved in your meetings, that they are working closely together to help you to achieve your outcomes, and that if you are not already receiving support, your support needs are identified and are in place before you leave school. The Transition Worker may spend time within your school getting to know you and about the support which you need to ensure that you leave school with the right support to achieve your ambitions. The Transition Worker makes sure that, if you need support which isn't already in place, the people who will assess this support know about you in good time for the support to be available when it is needed.

In S5 and S6, the number of transition meetings in the school increase, and these meetings will spend time considering with you what you would really like to be doing when you leave school, what opportunities there are for you to be achieving your goals, and any help you might need to follow your ambitions. You are the most important person at these meetings. The Transition Planning Worker attends these meetings, along with the staff from your school, your social worker, health worker, Skills Development Scotland and other key people.

If you have a learning disability and are moving into adulthood, your health services will be transferred to the Learning Disability Team, and a member of this team may come to your sixth year transition meetings.

<https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/a-z-of-services/>

For information about services not listed on this website, please contact the General Enquiry Line on 0300 3030 243.

Achieving your goals

If you are leaving school at 16 years, it is important that you have a positive plan for your next step, such a job, or a college place agreed, or a good plan for how you are going to achieve your goals.

There is a lot of help available for you to know about all these options before you leave, and to help you with applications, interviews etc. Skills Development Scotland attend your transition meetings, and can help you to identify your strengths and interests and to link you in opportunities which you into opportunities which will utilise these. If you would like to contact Skills Development Scotland, you can find more information here:

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/in-your-area/north-lanarkshire/>

All information provided by the North Lanarkshire Council Transition team.