

# KCC Lifespan Pathway

**Changing the way we work to improve  
Transition from Children's Services to  
Adult Services**



# What is the Lifespan Pathway?



The 'Lifespan Pathway' is a way to describe how people move from one service to another as they grow up and get older.

# Lifespan Pathway

## Why are we doing it?



By joining Children's and Adults services we can:

- Make sure support for disabled children and young people aged 0-25 is seamless, for them and their families.
- Join up services between Social Care, Health and Education (Education, Health and Care plans).
- Make the most of commissioning services together across the whole pathway leading to better planning for services for young people.
- Make sure resources are used wisely and in the same way. We will support more young people to stay at home leading to a reduction in residential placements.
- Make sure structures and processes are used in the same way across Children and Adult Services.



# Current Pathway



Disabled  
Children Service  
0 - 18

Learning and  
physical disabilities

Transition

Physical disabilities



Older People  
and Physical  
Disabilities  
18+

Learning disabilities



Community  
Learning  
Disability Team  
18+

# Pathway from 3 April 2017



Disabled  
Children Service  
0 - 15

Learning and  
physical disabilities

**NEW TEAM**



Young People's  
Team 16-25  
Years

Learning and  
physical disabilities

**NEW TEAM**



Adults Complex  
Disability Team  
26+ Years

Learning and  
physical disabilities

- Become an adult
- Leave school/college
- Move home
- Get a job
- Become settled

# Developing Lifespan Pathway



- **Continue current relationships** – The Young Person's Service will continue the excellent working relationships with colleagues in Health, Education and Children's Services including Safeguarding.
- **Health partners** - are reviewing their boundaries to align to those of the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's).
- **Commissioning** – are developing a commissioning strategy to meet the needs of people with a disability throughout their lifespan. The work links in with the Learning Disability Integrated Commissioning Project, which means that services will now be commissioned from 16yrs and beyond a person's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

# Developing Lifespan Pathway



- **Consultation** – We asked people what they thought about the Lifespan Pathway. This included parents, carers and professionals. The same group will be asked to review the project in October.



- **Open Events** - Following a very successful open event attended by 350 young people and carers across Kent in February Half Term 2017, a follow up is planned in October 2017 to gain young people's views about 'What's going well' and 'What needs to change'



- **Culture Change** – Staff across the pathway are currently doing training to make sure that they understand the laws and policies involved across Children's and Adults services.



# Developing Lifespan Pathway



- **In- House Provision** – are doing an assessment to make sure our services meet the needs of the new Lifespan Pathway. This way we can identify any gaps within the market.



- **Short Breaks** – Every local authority must publish a Local Offer to give people information about what support and services are available. The Local Offer has been re-designed to promote access to services to ensure young people's needs are met.



- **Systems** – There will be one computer system for 0-25 pathway services. Building and testing the system will take place during Spring/ Summer 2017.



0-25  
Service

The Care Act and the Children and Families Act want us to plan 0-25 and especially smooth the transition at age 18.



So we will have a new Children and Young Person's Service with:

- 4 Disabled Children teams across the county, 0-15
- 4 Young People's teams across the county, 16-25



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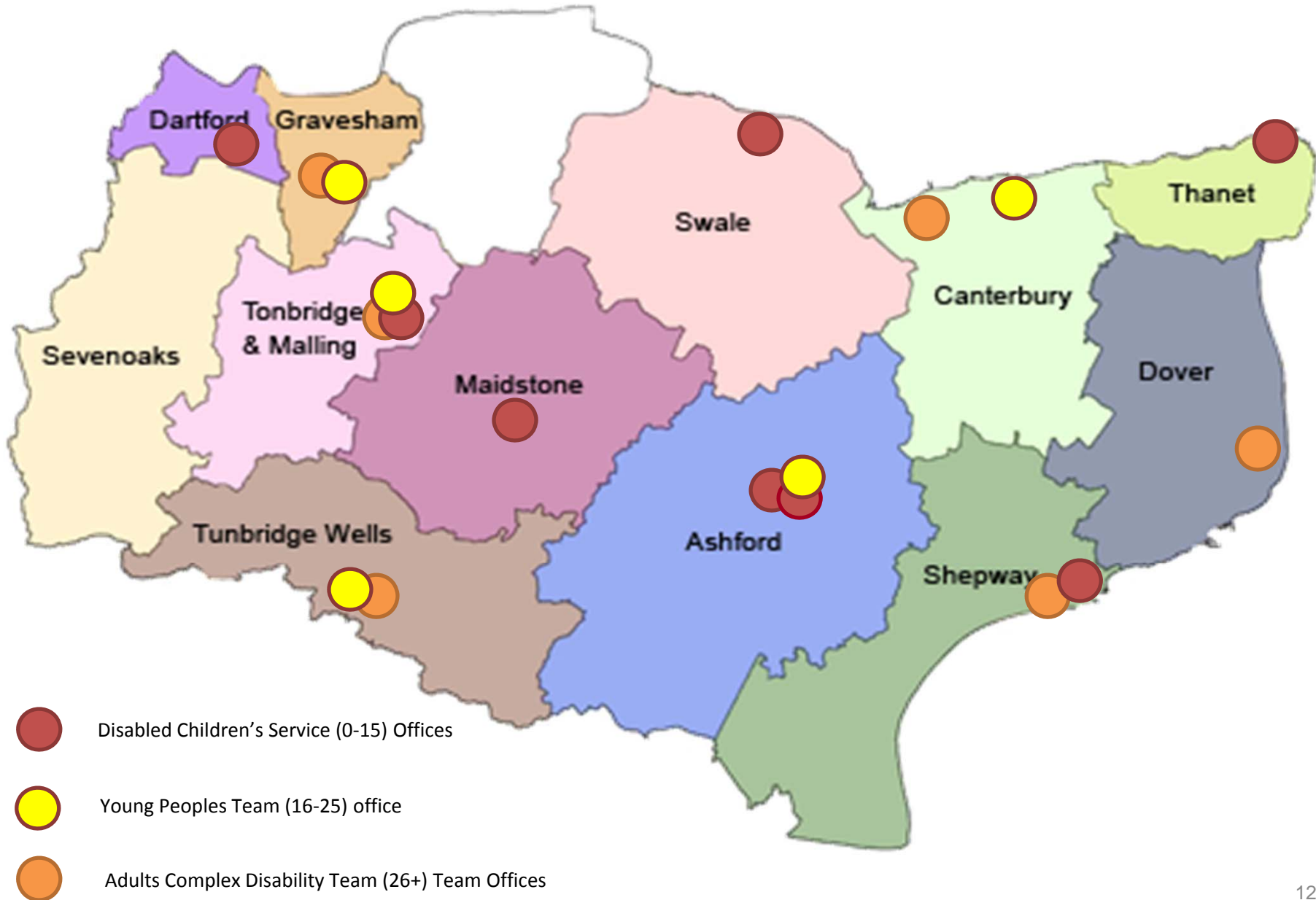


- And a continuing Adult Service with:
- 4 Adults with complex disabilities teams
- Young people with complex physical disabilities will be included in the new teams

# Lifespan Pathway – Team Offices

Locality	0-15	16-25	26+
West Kent	Worrall House, Montague House	Worrall House	Worrall House, Montague House
Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley and Swale	Milton Haig, The Orchard	Milton Haig, The Orchard	Milton Haig, The Orchard
Ashford, Canterbury and Coastal	Rainbow Centre	Rainbow Centre, Brook House	Kroner House, Brook House
South Kent Coast and Thanet	Greenbanks, Thistley Hill	Thistley Hill, Greenbanks and The Beacon	Cairn Ryan, Eversley House

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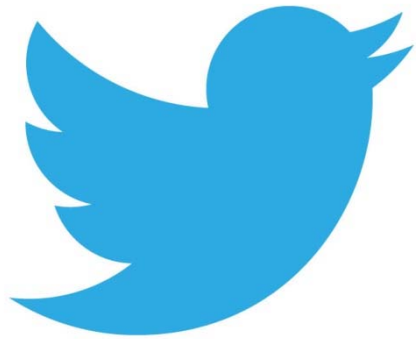


# Benefits for you



- Stability of placements for young people
- Reduced residential placements
- Better outcomes for the individual
- Person centred process
- Family and young person will have a better experience of transition
- Extend the time young people remain supported at home
- Help young people into work and apprenticeships

# Well received from young people and their families...



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Fantastic  
talk @southern\_penny at @TCMargate on  
transitional to adult services  
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