

Parents and carers can play a significant role in shaping their child's future pathway aspirations. Here are some ways that you, as a parent or carer, can offer support:

- Assist your son/daughter in identifying their interests and strengths.
- Encourage open discussions about their career / future pathway aspirations which could include identifying a young person's goals and aspirations for further education, employment, friends, relationships, and community (as inline with the EHCP process).
- Highlight the importance of having a contingency plan in case their main pathway does not work out.
- Accompany your child to Post 16 Open Days to help them explore their options thoroughly.
- Support them during times of transition.
- Labour Market Information (LMI) can be beneficial in helping students make informed choices for several reasons: (please see links below).
 - Understanding Job Trends: LMI provides insights into current and future job market trends, helping students align their career aspirations with fields that are projected to have demand.
 - Salary Information: LMI often includes data on salaries and earning potential in various industries, giving students realistic expectations about their future income.
 - Skill Requirements: LMI outlines the skills and qualifications needed for different occupations, allowing students to tailor their education and training accordingly.
 - Exploring Options: By exploring LMI, students can discover a wide range of career options they may not have considered before, expanding their horizons.
 - Informed Decision-Making: - Armed with LMI, students can make informed decisions about their education and career paths, increasing the likelihood of success and job satisfaction in the future.

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Other Useful links are;

- National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
- Scope, a UK-based disability charity, offers extensive resources and information for disabled individuals and families, including career and employment guidance. Website: <https://www.scope.org.uk/services/>
- Contact, a charity supporting families with disabled children, provides guidance on various life aspects, including education and employment. Website: <https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/>
- Ambitious About Autism: This charity focuses on aiding young people with autism, offering resources and information on education, employment, and transition planning. Website: <https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/what-we-do/employment/toolkits>

- Special Needs Jungle: Special Needs Jungle is a website rich in resources, offering information, advice, and personal stories regarding SEND, including guidance on education, training, and careers. Website: <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/category/send/post16/>
- Mencap, a UK charity supporting people with learning disabilities, provides resources and information on employment and careers tailored to individuals with learning disabilities. Website: <https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/employment>
- National Autistic Society (NAS): NAS offers guidance on employment and careers for individuals with autism, providing resources, webinars, and advice for both job seekers and employers. Website: <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/employment>
- The Prince's Trust: The Prince's Trust offers various programs and support for young people, including those with disabilities, aiming to kickstart their careers or businesses. Website: <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/how-we-can-help>
- Disability Rights UK: Disability Rights UK provides a range of resources, including information on employment rights, benefits, and career development specifically tailored to disabled individuals. Website: <https://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/employment>
- CXK Careers Hub: CXK offers a variety of resources, including the Local Offer, TEP Specialist Employment, SEND HE Links, and SEND careers guidance. Website: <https://www.cxk.org/our-services/services-young-people/>