



TRANSITIONS WITHOUT TEARS

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Seminar Programme

- About Kingwood
- About Transitions – The tears
- Starting All Over Again
- Breakout Groups
- Report Back

About Kingwood

- ❑ A Registered Charity since 1994
- ❑ Supporting 52 Adults with asd
- ❑ In ordinary houses, close to shops and services
- ❑ Using a person centred approach

About Kingwood

- ❑ Own tenancies, front door
- ❑ Using all forms of communications
- ❑ Capturing choices and desires
- ❑ Promoting potential

About Transition - the tears

Policy Framework comprehensive,
detailed and clear BUT

- ☹ Gap between theory and practice too wide
- ☹ Research shows over 50% of young people not involved
- ☹ Only 22% staff in education trained in asd
- ☹ What about the health services, local authorities
- ☹ Police and staff in the criminal justice system

About Transition - the tears

- ☹ Inconsistency of terms, age cutoffs (even in the same boroughs), remits
- ☹ Absolute shortage of a range of post school supported living options
- ☹ Information for parents and young people too late and incomplete

About Transition - the tears

- ☹ Lack of transparency regarding funding arrangements
- ☹ Lack of training and awareness of staff in Local Authorities and other sectors
- ☹ Planning and preparation start too late

Breakout Sessions

1. Introductions
 2. What would a good transition experience be
 3. 10 real life examples of an improvement
- ☺ Agreement on the top 3 specific and measurable improvements that would make the biggest difference



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