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Specialist IAG…is there a choice?

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LAs have a duty to provide

Connexions…

support services to 13-19 yr olds and up to 25 for those with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

Responsibilities…

Transition reviews for children with statements from yr 9 to age 25

LLDD assessments and completion of 139a assessment

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All age career service …

Skills minister John Hayes' vision- from Sept 2011 fully operational April 2012

Careers Guidance is at the heart of increasing social mobility

Build on best of Next Step and Connexions – "unified seamless support"

will be…

Impartial, independent and professional

and…

Schools will have a legal duty to secure independent, impartial careers advice

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Legislation…

Equality Act - 1st October 2010

Public Sector Equality duty - 5th April 2011

Aims…

To provide the basic framework of protection against direct and indirect discrimination

By having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons by the removal or minimisation of any disadvantages

By taking steps to meet the needs of persons that are different from the needs of non disabled persons

By encouraging persons to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

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Equality in the BIG society

18.6 % (approx 7 million) people of working age have a disability

Graduates in FT employment Disabled people 47.5%	Non- Disabled people 51.9%
People that have no qualification Disabled people 23%	Non-Disabled people 9%
Attainment of 5 GCSE's (A-C grades) Disabled people 37%	Non-Disabled people 53%
Including Maths and English Disabled people 30%	Non-Disabled people 45%

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It is crucial that **Specialist IAG** should be heavily weighted towards early intervention in schools including special schools …

…or is there REALLY a choice?

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Thank you… any questions?

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