

connexions

LEICESTER SHIRE

**Services for young people
with complex health needs**



**Information and Sources of Advice -
a leaflet for professionals working
with young people**

CONNEXIONS SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX HEALTH NEEDS

✦ WHO WE ARE

Connexions is a youth service providing advice, guidance, support and personal development services for all 13-19 year olds (up to 25 if young person has certain additional needs). Through Connexions Partnerships, the services that help young people are brought together and young people have access to a Personal Adviser.

✦ OUR TARGET GROUP

Connexions services to young people with complex health needs have been initiated through joint funding with the Diana Children's Community Services as a way to give additional support to young people with serious medical conditions. These can include Cancer, Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, HIV/Aids, Heart conditions and progressive Cerebral Palsy, and other much rarer conditions.

✦ WHAT WE CAN OFFER

- Help to young people to get back into education after a period of illness.
- Advice to young people about options in education, training, and employment.
- Information regarding leisure and personal development opportunities.
- Help to young people with applications for further education or employment.
- One to one work with young people to help with personal issues such as confidence, self-esteem and coping with illness.

- Information and sign-posting to other specialist services such as counselling and supported employment services.
- We can see you where it suits you best (home, school or Connexions office).

✦ CONTACT US

If you are a young person aged 13-25, or a parent or carer, and you feel that you could benefit from our services please give me a ring for an informal chat.

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If you would like to find out more about the full range of services available through Connexions you can visit our website at www.connexions-leics.org or telephone Connexions Direct on 0800 800 13219.