

Who should have a key worker



There is a plan from the NHS called the Long Term Plan.



It says that some children and young people with autism or a learning disability and high support needs should have a key worker.



This should happen by 2024.



Children and young people who are in a mental health hospital, or who need support to stay out of hospital, will be the first to get a key worker.



Key workers will work with you and your family to get support that helps you feel:

- safe and happy



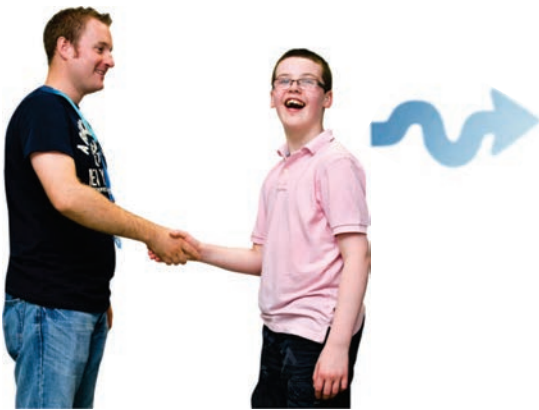
- listened to and involved in the planning of your care and support



- less stressed and worried.



Key workers are now being tested out in 13 places in the country called pilot sites.



In the future, more children and young people who are autistic or who have a learning disability will be able to get a key worker, including:



- looked after and adopted children



- children and young people moving between services, like moving to adult services.