

Background	Mandy	Richard
Nature of special needs	Severe learning difficulties Severe language impairment Moderate behavioural difficulties (Down's syndrome)	Severe visual impairment
School placement	Special school for children with severe learning difficulties	Special school for the visually impaired Integration in mainstream high school
Future needs recommendation	Adult training centre	Remain at school Higher level examinations Further or higher education
Post-16 placements	Remained at school until 18 at parents' request	Left school at 17y. 6m. HNC Business Studies Employment - Civil Service BA Commerce
Present placement	Adult resource centre	Employment - Clerical officer (Health Board)

Status at Age 20

(According to possible indicators of adult status suggested by the team's research)

Indicators of adult status	Mandy	Richard
Post-secondary education	Self-care classes at college of further education	Higher National Certificate in Business Studies BA Commerce (withdrawn)
Personal independence	Requires supervision re: self-care, shopping, travel, money and relationships	Full personal independence
Adult roles in society	Integration within community with help of key worker	Able to take on fully adult roles in society Engaged to be married
Adult roles in the family	Always supervised Over-protected?	Fully independent
Employment	Possibility of voluntary work in the future	In open employment
Economic self-sufficiency	Income Support + Disability Premium Attendance Allowance Independent Living Allowance Total = £105 per week	Salary - £7,250 (approx. £140 per week) Has taken a mortgage