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Welcome to Adulthood: You’re on the Waiting List

Welcome to Adulthood: You’re on the Waiting List is a printable visual poster about the cliff edge experienced by some young people when they turn 18. It focuses on the move from children’s support, including foster care, school, social care, mental health services and support workers, to adult systems where eligibility, funding and waiting lists can become barriers.

Care leavers, teenagers nearing adulthood, foster carers, social workers and leaving-care teams can display or share the image during transition planning, review meetings, workshops and staff training. The visual prompt can make it easier to discuss fears about losing support, identify services that need to be arranged early and strengthen advocacy around a young person’s continuing needs.