

Working Together – So What?

Short Breaks Service

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The Short Breaks Journey so far...

- Short breaks info is hard to find.
- Created Short Break Statement in consultation with WarrPac
- Updated both our websites

- What about support for 18 plus?
- New transition manager Helen Taylor starting in April.

- It can be difficult to commission Dom Care
- Negotiating for delivery of child centred packages

- Parents haven't been consulted
- 2 x Ask Away sessions held and 2 consultations about service

The Short Breaks Journey so far...

- No groups for children with PMLD
- New group starting - a collaboration with W'ton Wolves

- Could there be a pool of PAs?
- Currently working with other local authorities to explore options

- The application process is unclear
- Simplified process now documented in the Short Breaks Statement on local offer and council website

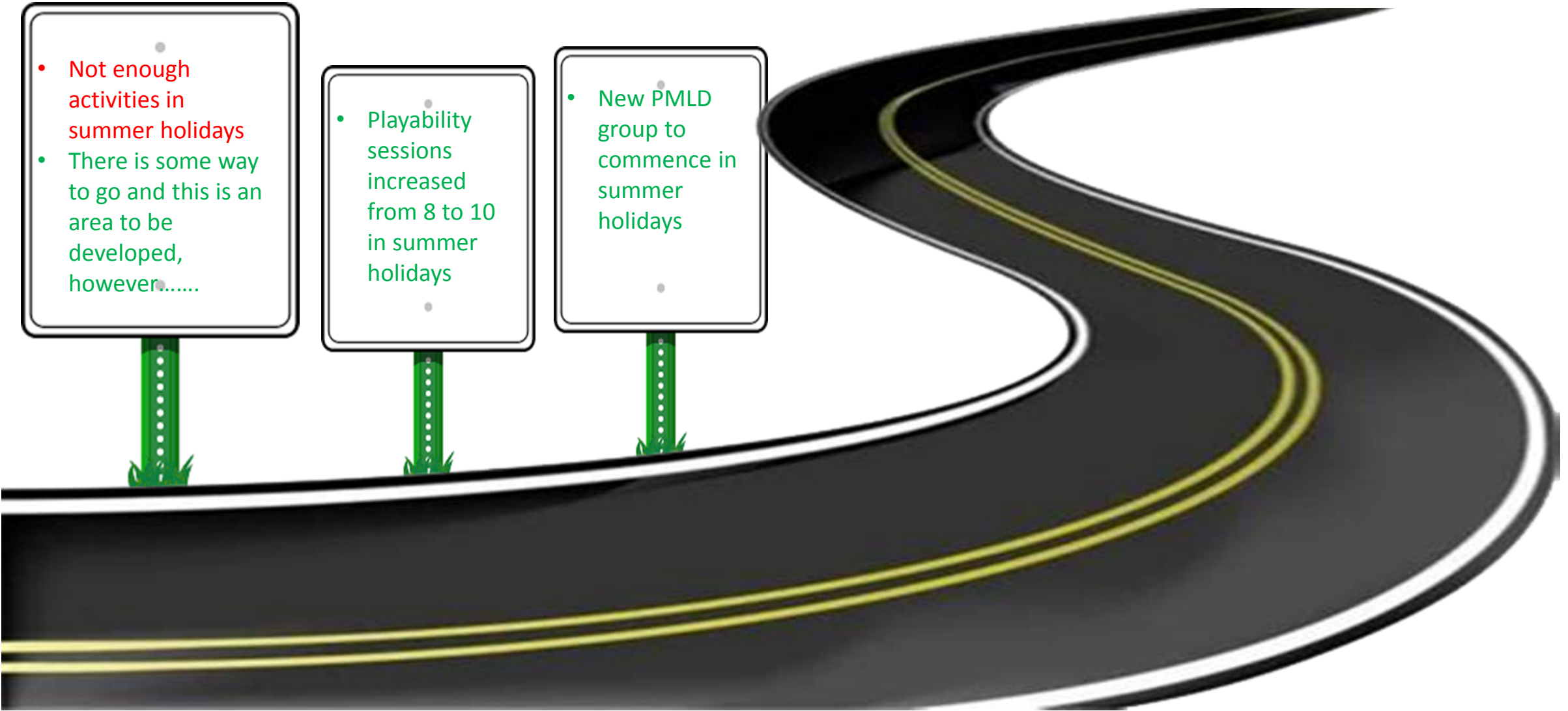
- Local Offer hard to navigate
- New officer in post
- Landing pages for all services
- Viability of new platform being assessed

The Short Breaks Journey so far...

- Not enough activities in summer holidays
- There is some way to go and this is an area to be developed, however.....

- Playability sessions increased from 8 to 10 in summer holidays

- New PMLD group to commence in summer holidays



Future Developments

- We will be.....
 - Evaluating short breaks service as a whole,
 - Looking at what works and what doesn't,
 - Keeping children and young people at the centre of decision making
- We will be.....
 - Working on Local Offer with Liz Barr Jones, offering a clear directory of services with clear referral/accessibility criteria, i.e. will you need an assessment to access a particular service?
- We will be.....
 - Improving choices for families on the type of short break they receive

Your Feedback So Far

“Westland Drive is a Godsend for our son, the communication is great and he is always happy going, which is peace of mind for us. The staff team and managers are always helpful. I just wish there were more options as well, maybe youth groups for children with complex needs, and staff that can understand and manage medication if needed”

“Council staff available to use for Direct Payments would be a huge help for many families struggling to find PAs”

“More support/short breaks during the summer holidays is essential as our children are unable to attend regular holiday clubs, yet need them much more than mainstream children as they are also unable to go out on their own with friends”

Contacts and Further Information

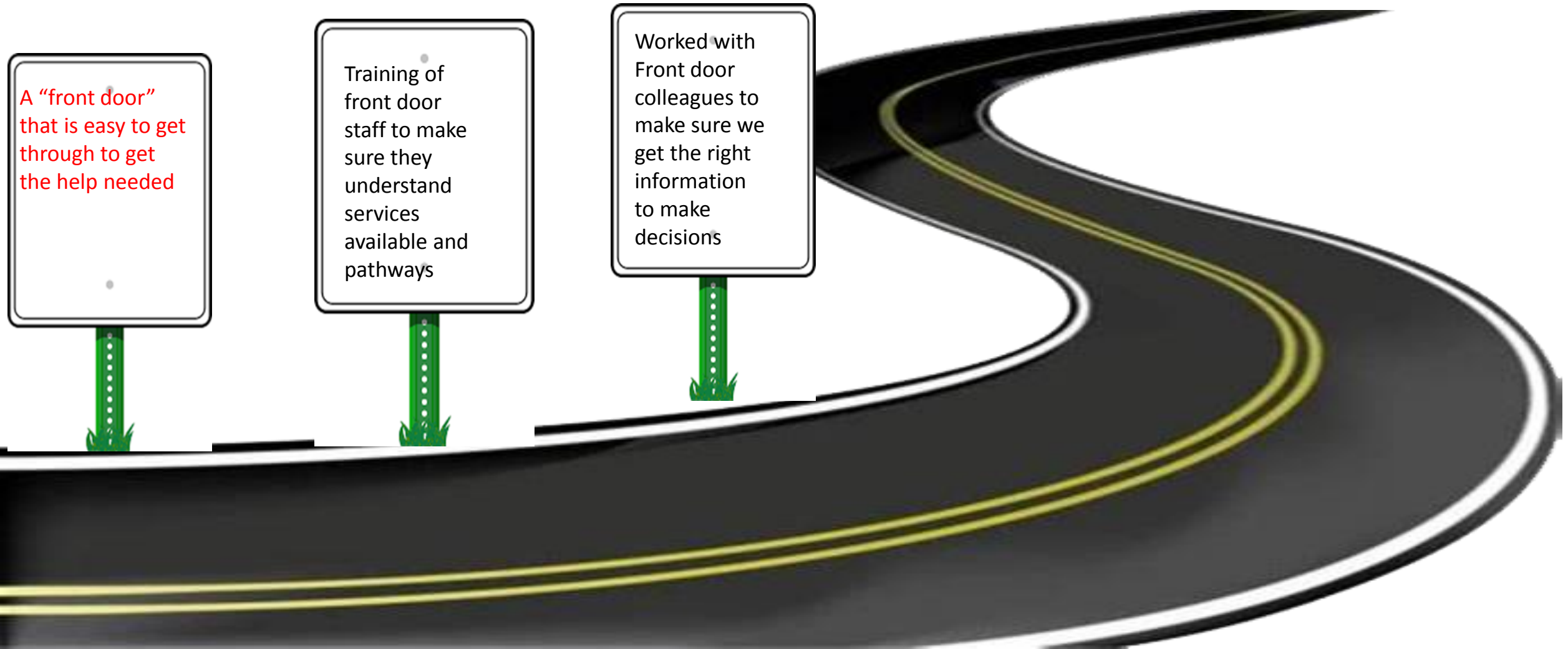
- Email us - shortbreaks@warrington.gov.uk
- The Local Offer website www.askollie.warrington.gov.uk
- Short Breaks Statement and SEND strategy – both on local offer and council website.

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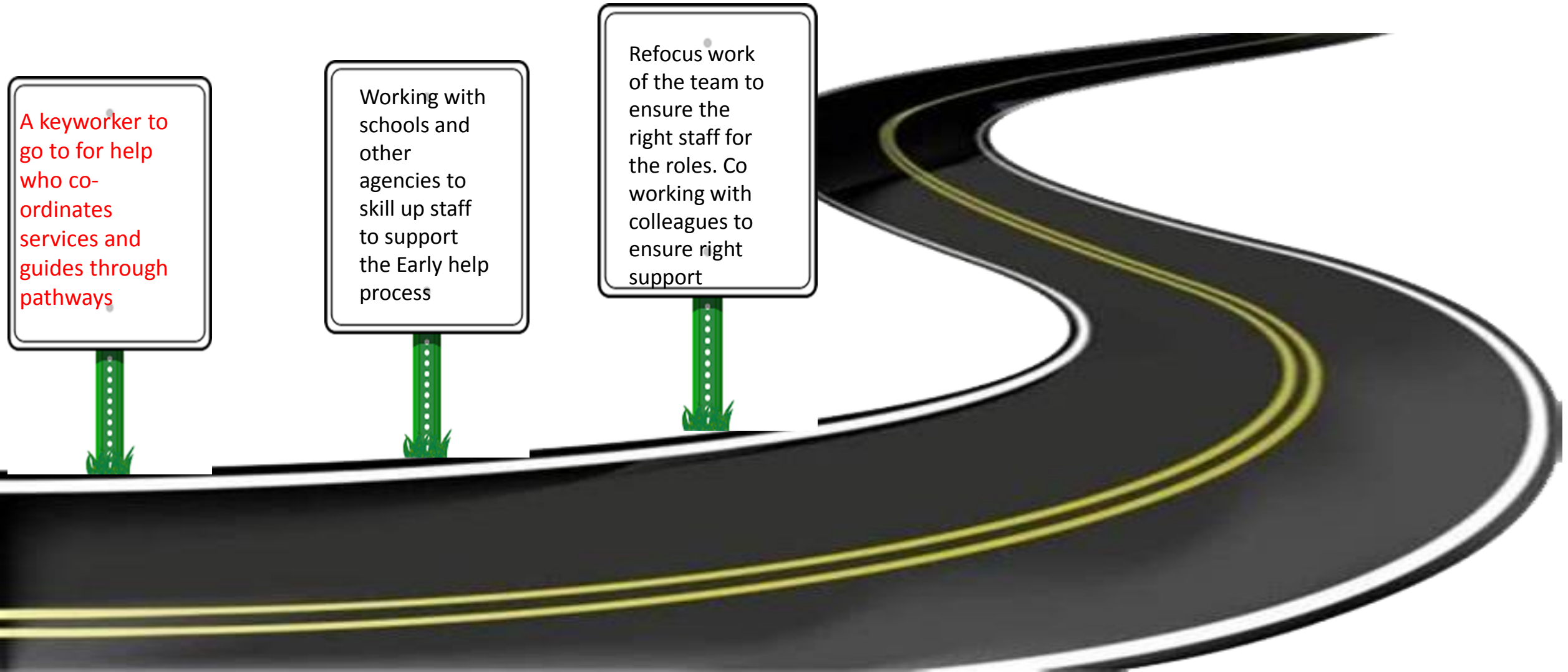
Social care

Kath Hingston – Principal Manager Integrated service for children with additional needs

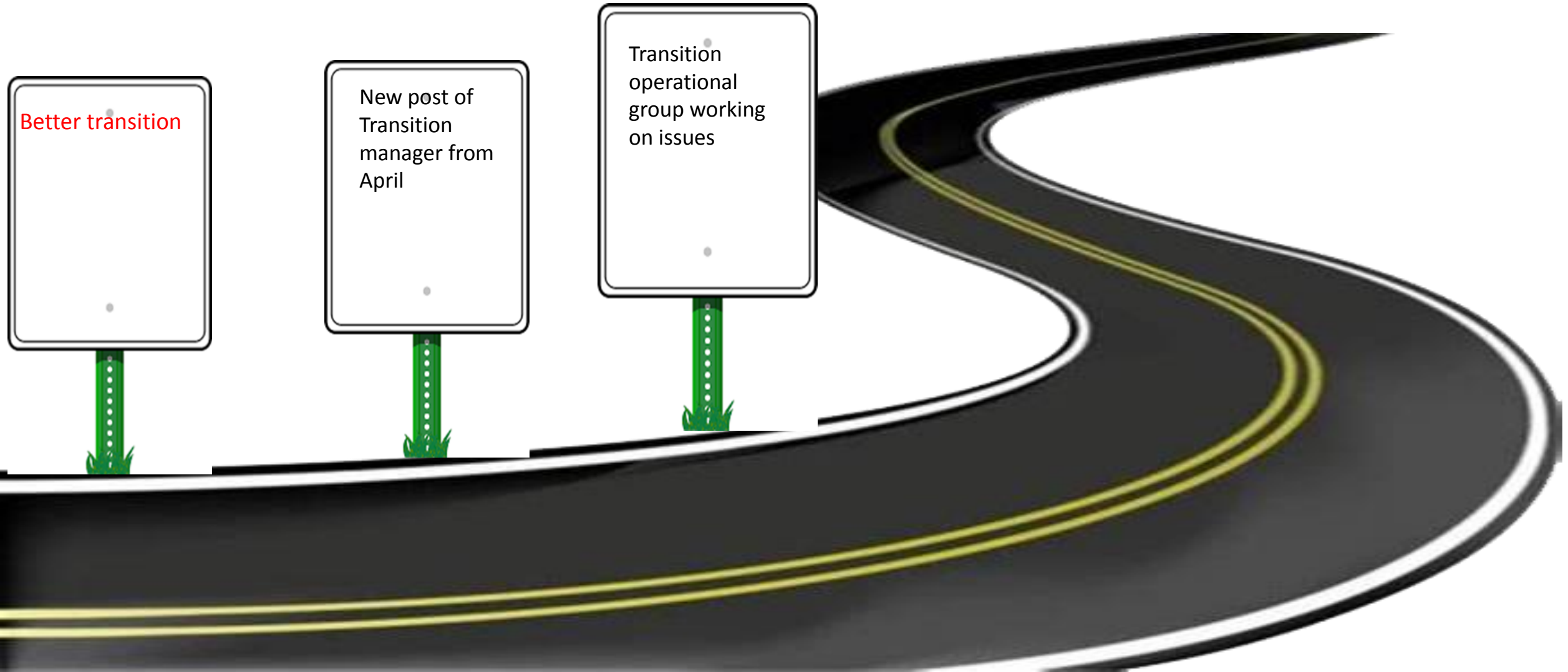
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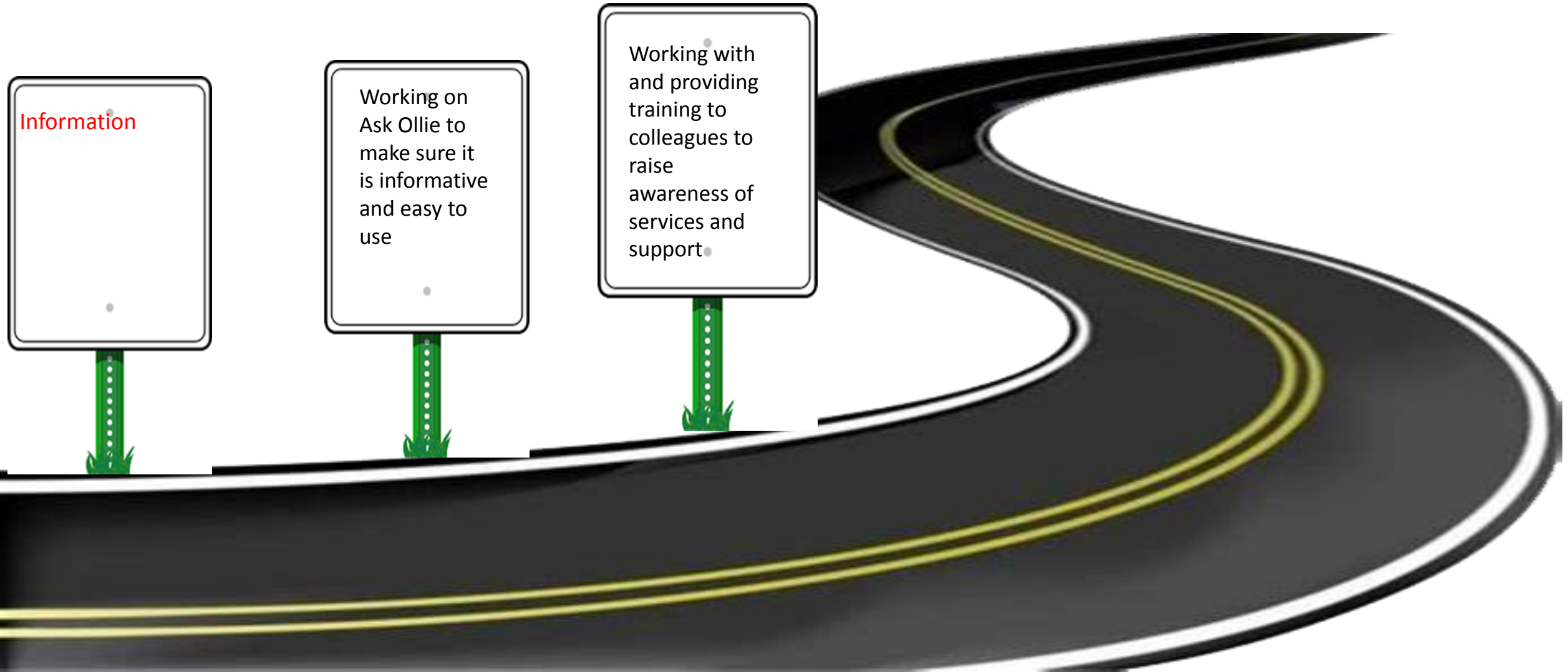
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Future developments / Priorities

- Voice of the child – to make support and services child and family centred
- Thorough assessment process – to make the right decisions
- Increase opportunities for disabled children to access social and leisure opportunities
- Focus support on those in most need – making processes more transparent
- Prepare young people and their parents and carers for transition
- Better integrated working