

Guidelines for Use

Easy Read Website

Main features:

- Easy read – one of the accessible information formats. The website uses simple words and use pictures alongside the words.

CHANGE picture bank images have been used to make the information easier to understand. CHANGE is a leading national equal rights organisation led by disabled people. Photographs of young people from West of England schools have also been used.

- Browsealoud (text to speech software) reads the web pages aloud for those who find it difficult to read online.
- The website gives basic information on all the main issues affecting young people:
 - Choices in education, training and employment
 - Health
 - Housing
 - Free time
 - Relationships
 - Money
 - Travel and transport
 - The law.
- More in-depth information is provided via links to websites and downloadable information sheets.
- There are sections for parents and carers and professionals.
- The website (with limited content) was launched in September 2009. Outstanding content will be added after this time.

Using the website:

The website is likely to be used in 1:1 sessions with teaching staff, a Connexions personal adviser or parent/carer. It has been designed to facilitate independent use by individuals.