

TRANSCRIPT: Emma, The future

Ruth, Emma's mother

Emma is in transition just now, into adult services, and the biggest thing with Emma is communication, and it's very stressful for her to be with people who don't understand her, and to make a plan for her for the future so that people know how to communicate with her so that she can express herself and have the best possible quality of life, it worries me a lot.

The post-sixteen set-up at school, I think, is excellent. She can be taught to be as independent as possible and, basically, we're concentrating on self-care skills - not that she would ever actually be out without another adult, because she wouldn't be safe.

I am very worried about Emma's vulnerability. When she was younger I'd always thought she was relatively safe in that she would never go with anyone she didn't know. I've changed my view on that now because I think if there was somebody with an intent to entice her away, it is now possible, and that's a huge concern.