

X

## Who goes to (service area): Valley's Gateway

X's main achievement which is truly remarkable and most certainly deserving has been learning to trust and being able to build relationships with others which in turn as enabled him to access the wider community and participate in sessions in an appropriate way. X's journey through life hasn't been an easy one, with a diagnosis of A.D.H.D. Autism and a severe learning disability compounded with epilepsy and intolerance to certain foods X has struggled with certain aspects of his life which has on times isolated him from many things.

X transitioned from school to adult services, in order for the smooth transition it was recognised that he would require 1-1 support to integrate into the service due to his complex condition. X's echolalia and invasion of people's personal space, to which they perceive as threatening often, meant X was vulnerable to potential retaliation.

X accessed many service areas and due to the above mentioned the placement was not successful until he joined Valley's Gateway in 2014.

X has made such improvements in developing his social skills he no longer requires the intense staff support he once had, he is now functioning as part of a group and no longer requires a communication aid he once relied on.

X has also had to contend with moving out of the family home into a supported living tenancy, this wasn't an easy task for X but eventually he developed coping strategies and came to terms with living in his new home. X's achievements, and the positive effect they have had on his life, cannot be under-estimated.