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CEIAG Case Study:

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Career Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG):

- **A personalised case study of how the College & its Careers Service partner support young people:**
- **Charlotte's story to date**
 - 1) The Careers Adviser from Stoke on Trent Careers Service working in the college was made aware of Charlotte who was working with the Teenage Pregnancy Team. Charlotte was a young mum studying on a Health and Social Care Diploma at the college. Charlotte told her key worker that she was thinking of going to get an apprenticeship and the key worker then helped her to also explore the option of university.
 - 2) At the first meeting with the Careers Adviser, Charlotte said that her long term goal was Social Work. However, she felt that because she received housing benefit, income support and nursery fees, she would not be able to afford university. The Careers Adviser explored the idea of Social Work with Charlotte. Charlotte was realistic about what was involved. Charlotte had been supported by a housing organisation as a teenage mum. Subsequently, Charlotte had got involved in their volunteering programme and had experience of working with a range of vulnerable groups. Charlotte said this and her own experience with Social Services had confirmed that she wanted to be a Social Worker.
 - 3) The Careers Adviser set up and supported Charlotte meeting the student finance 'money doctors' at the local university. Whilst Charlotte found the finances complex to understand she left the meeting confident that she would be no worse off financially as a result of going to university.
 - 4) Charlotte then looked at her grade profile and felt that she would not be able to go at this time as she did not have enough UCAS tariff points. However, the Careers

Service at college supported Charlotte in finding a HND in Health and Social Care and checked with the universities that Charlotte could progress on to Social Work from this.

- 5) The Careers Service spoke to Student Finance England and checked that the HND would still receive funding under the loan system.
- 6) The Careers Service went through the content of the programme and checked that Charlotte fully understood what the course was about and the progression routes from this.
- 7) The Careers Service supported Charlotte in putting together a strong personal statement based on the experience she has.
- 8) Charlotte is now waiting to hear if she has an offer of a place but she openly says that she would never have known that she was able to consider university without the support of the careers team.

For further information about support at

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