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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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My daughter is 21 has Downs Syndrome and is partially sighted, has severe anxiety at times due to change and unfamiliar venues or support staff to name but a few of the areas she struggles with. She has been using PLUS for 121 and group support from age 11 and they have been a vital support network for [REDACTED] and our family unit.

Hearing the news that they are having to not only move premises but also face uncertainty as to whether they will secure their bid is frightening to say the least.

In a climate where even our local council are cutting vital services and venues that support disabilities, reducing special needs support from classrooms is worrying enough without knowing that [REDACTED] base where she receives her only peer interaction since leaving school and college.

Her day to day routine and structure works around PLUS where she learns and retains vital life skills, cooks, bakes, does arts n crafts, makes teas and coffees independently as she knows her way around a familiar building, gets to spend time with friends....the list goes on, the hope of securing your building keeps the faith that my daughter will have the opportunity to continue thriving when no other option is available as the current base is on borrowed time. My daughter is not alone in having a safe and secure base, with an exceptional support agency that no other provider are able to offer, PLUS is unique in their style. Other options are to have a support worker on a 121 with no peer interaction and wander aimlessly around a town centre all day, sit in cafes to pass time and slowly fizzle away, deteriorate as boredom and I'll health sink in through not having meaningful interactions.

Please do read into this with the thought to how you as a 21 year old living with a disability where your life and soul revolves around a place you feel included would feel were the base to fall apart, the impact and devastation this would have on your prospects due to not having a place to congregate, feel included, be encouraged to be all you can be 🥰

From a very anxious parent who lives in hope of this safe and secure opportunity to have a new home from home with this asset transfer.

PLUS offer emotional support for families, disability awareness in the local community, peer connections to those who would otherwise be isolated and so much more

Writing in hope  
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