



# The Local Offer



Giving  
disabled children  
a brighter future



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# What is the Local Offer?

The Local Offer is a Local Authority's publication of all the provision expected to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have SEN (Special Educational Needs) and/or disabilities, including those who do not have Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans.

## The Local Offer has two key purposes:



To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up to date information about the available provision and how to access it.



To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEN or that have disabilities, their parents and service providers in its development and review.

## Who is the Local Offer for?

- Children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities from birth to 25
- Their parents and carers
- Practitioners and professionals

## The Local Offer should:

- Make it easier to find out what you need to know
- Give you information about what is available
- Tell you where you can get further information.

The Local Offer should also make services more responsive to local needs.

# What information should the Local Authority provide?

- 1 The education, health and care provision & other training provision it expects to be available in its area at the time of publication for children and young people who have Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities.
- 2 The provision it expects to be available outside its area at that time for:
  - Children and young people for whom it is responsible
  - Children and young people in its area who have a disability
- 3 Arrangements for travel to and from schools and post-16 institutions and places at which relevant early years education is provided.
- 4 Provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood and independent living relating to:
  - Finding employment
  - Obtaining accommodation
  - Participation in society

# What information does the Local Offer provide?

- How children and young peoples' needs are identified.
- How their needs are assessed
- The special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- Opportunities for training and employment
- Support for independent living
- How provision is funded
- Leisure activities and support groups
- Where you can find more information, advice and support
- Arrangements for travel
- The help available to resolve disagreements.

The Local Offer must also tell you about services provided outside your area which local people are likely to use.

## Contact Us

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) provides free impartial, confidential and accurate information, advice and support about education, health and social care for children, young people and their parents on matters relating to special educational needs and disability.

Contact your local SENDIASS to find out more about SEN Support in schools.

Visit our SENDIASS website: <https://www.kids.org.uk/sendiasm>