

The Independent Partnership Supporter (IPS)



This leaflet explains how an IPS can help parents/carers and young people



How can an Independent Partnership Supporter (IPS) help parents/carers and young people?

If you are a parent or carer of a child with special educational needs, or a young person 16-25 years old, an IPS can:

- ◆ Help you through the maze of education and health and social care where it is linked to education
- ◆ Help you to be fully involved as a partner in your or your child's education
- ◆ Listen to your concerns and help you to express your views
- ◆ Help you to access relevant and up-to-date information
- ◆ Explain about assessments, statements, and Education, Health and Care Plans
- ◆ Explain procedures and choices
- ◆ Help you to fill in forms, write letters and reports
- ◆ Go with you to meetings



Norfolk SEND Partnership has a team of Independent Partnership Supporters

They:

- ◆ Are volunteers
- ◆ Have initial Gateway Assured training
- ◆ Have ongoing training and support from the Norfolk SEND Partnership team

If you would like to talk about getting support from one of our volunteers please contact us

Norfolk SEND Partnership

01603 704070



or visit our website:

www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk

Visit **Norfolk's Local Offer** for more information on other voluntary organisation and parent support groups

www.norfolk.gov.uk/send

We would ask that if you have one of volunteers supporting you that you do not smoke while they are with you



We also:

- ◆ Produce a newsletter each term
- ◆ Have information leaflets available on our website
- ◆ Ensure the views of children, young people and parent/carers are represented when influencing SEND policy and practice

Contact us:

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