

What is the Local Offer?



A 'one stop shop' for all the information you need about special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Norfolk



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Every Local Authority must publish a Local Offer. The Local Offer tells you what support the Local Authority expects to be available for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. It must include information about education, health and care provision. It should also tell you about training, employment and independent living for young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities locally.

You can find the Local Offer for
Norfolk County Council at www.norfolk.gov.uk/send

The **SEND Code of Practice** says that the Local Offer should

- ◆ Provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the provision and how to access it
- ◆ Make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and those with SEND and their parents, and disabled young people and those with SEN, and service providers in its development and review (4.2)

Who is it for?

The local Offer is for:

- ◆ Children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities from birth to 25
- ◆ Their parents and carers
- ◆ Practitioners and professionals (across education, health and social care)

What is the idea?

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
- ◆ Be collaborative, accessible, comprehensive, up to date and transparent



What does it include?

The Local Offer includes information on

- ◆ 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 to and from school and other settings
- ◆ 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

You can find the full list of what must be included in the

SEND Code of Practice section 4.30

How can I get involved?

The Local Authority must involve children and young people with SEN and disabilities, and parents and carers in preparing and reviewing the Local Offer. If you would like to be involved or make some comments, you can find out more on the Local Offer website www.norfolk.gov.uk/send in the feedback section.

The local authority must publish what children, young people and parents tell them about the Local Offer. It must also say clearly what it will do about the comments it has received.

Local authority must publish their response to comments it has received including actions they intend to take. For information about what actions the local authority should take in response to the Local Offer please refer to **Chapter 4.26-4.28 of the SEND Code of Practice**



Where can I get further information, advice or support?

Chapter 4 in the SEND Code of Practice is about the Local Offer and is available to download on our website www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk/legislation

Norfolk SEND Partnership IASS can also give you:

- ◆ Information and advice about SEN and disability support and provision
- ◆ More information about local services, organisations, and resources which might help
- ◆ Advice and support using the Local Offer



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Your Notes





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

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