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Local Offer

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The Local Offer ·

What the law says.

The **SEND Code of Practice** says that every local authority must publish a Local Offer.

The Local Offer tells you what support is available for all children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities, and their families, including those that have Education, Health and Care plans.

It should 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.

You can find the Local Offer for North Yorkshire at www.northyorks.gov.uk/sendlocal-offer.

You can access the SEND Code of Practice online at www.gov.uk and search 'SEND Code of Practice'.

Who is it for?

The Local Offer is for:

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

The SEND Code of Practice says the Local Offer should:

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

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

What does it include?

The Local Offer includes information on:

- Special educational education, health and social provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities and childcare.
- How children and young people's needs are identified and assessed.
- Details of how parents/carers and young people can request an assessment for and EHC plan.
- Details of post 16, post 19 and alternative provision.
- Information about provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood.

The Local Offer must also tell you about the 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/or disabilities, and their 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 www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer.

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.

Where can I get more Information, Advice and Support?

Chapter 4 of the SEND Code of Practice can tell you more about the Local Offer.

The North Yorkshire Local Offer includes more Information on the local arrangements

www.northyorks.gov.uk/send-local-offer

SENDIASS can give you:

- Information about **SEN and disability support and provision**
- More information about local services, organisations and resources which might help
- Advice and support to get more involved.

Useful Links

- **Ace Education** (independent advice and information on state education in England).
- **Child Law Advice** (education law advice for families) www.childlawadvice.org.uk
- **Collis Mediation Ltd** (mediation and disagreement resolution service) www.collismediationltd.com
- **Contact** (for families with disabled children) www.contact.org.uk
- **Council for Disabled Children** (umbrella body for the disabled children's sector) www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk
- **IASSN** (information, advice and support services network) www.cyp.iassnetwork.org.uk
- **IPSEA** (national charity providing legally based information advice and support) www.ipsea.org.uk
- **Our Website** www.sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk
- **SEND Code of Practice** (explains the statutory duties of schools and local authorities) www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25
- **SEND Tribunals Service** (organisation responsible for handling claims) www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/send

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Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
Information, Advice and Support Service

If you would like any further information please see the links below to our website and social media pages.

Alternatively, if you would like some extra support for your child/young person you can call or email our

Advice Line service on 01609 536923 or

info@sendiassnorthyorks.org.uk

Our Advice Line is open 9:30-1pm Monday to Friday during Term-Time and 9:30-1pm Tuesday and Thursday during School Holidays.



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