



Northumberland SEND

Information, Advice and Support Service

The Northumberland Local Offer

northumberland.fsd.org.uk

Northumberland SEND Information, Advice and Support Service can give you:

- information and advice about SEN and disability support and provision
- more information about local services, organisations, and resources which might help

The service can be contacted by phone: **01670 623555** or
by e-mail: **alison.bravey@northumberland.gov.uk**

What is the Local Offer?

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 (SEN) 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.

You can find the Local Offer for Northumberland at **<http://northumberland.fsd.org.uk>**.

Who is the Local Offer 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.

How will the Local Offer help me?

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 **SEND Code of Practice** says that 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*
(Paragraph 4.2)

What does the Local Offer include?

The Local Offer includes information on:

- how children and young peoples' needs are identified and 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.

It must also tell you about services provided outside your area which local people are likely to use. Chapter 4 of the SEND Code of Practice tells you more about the Local Offer and the full list of what must be included.

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. The local authority must also 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.

Parents and carers who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can also contact **In It Together**, the Parent Carer Forum for Northumberland on **07729192909** or **info@in-it-together.org.uk**. Their website can be found at **www.in-it-together.org.uk**

Children and young people who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact the **Northumberland SEND Information, Advice and Support Service** (details on the front of this leaflet).

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