

## How can I get involved?

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

St. Helens 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 and advice and support to get more involved.

More information at;  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25)

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A valuable source of advice and information offering support to parents/ carers/young people by listening to their concerns around SEND.



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**The Local Offer**



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## 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.

## 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 and practitioners and professionals.

## 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 and tell you where you can get further information.

## What does it include?

The local offer includes information on how children and young people's 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 and the help available to resolve disagreements. The Local Offer must also tell you about the services provided outside your area which local people are likely to use.

## 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 [www.sthelens.gov.uk/send](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/send) website.

Parents who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact;

[www.sthelens.gov.uk/send/feedback](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/send/feedback)

Children and young people who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact [www.sthelens.gov.uk/send/send-development/voice-of-the-child](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/send/send-development/voice-of-the-child)

The Local Offer 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.