

Introduction

This is one of a series of information resources for parents and carers in North Lincolnshire. They are intended to offer an introduction to parts of the *Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice* and to complement the Department for Education (DfE) Parents' Guide.

Each booklet is available on the Local Offer website (www.northlincslocaloffer.com/SENDIASS) and will also be available on the forthcoming Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) website.

All titles in the series contain hyperlinks to other relevant information and look-ups to words explained in the online glossary. Throughout the booklets:

- words included in the glossary are marked in **bold**
- quotes are referenced and presented in *italics*.
- hyperlinks are underlined.

Additional references to other sources of information, advice and support are included at the back of the booklet.

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 North Lincolnshire at:
www.northlincslocaloffer.com

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.

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.

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. (4.2)*

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.

Parents who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact North Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum. Locally this is known as the North Lincolnshire Parents' Involvement and Participation (PIP) Group. They are a member of the National Network of Parent Carer forums (NNPCF): www.nnpfc.org.uk. Their contact details are:

North Lincolnshire PIP Forum

enquiries@northlincspipforum.co.uk
www.northlincspipforum.co.uk

Children and young people who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact:

North Lincolnshire Participation Team

Hewson House, Station Road, Brigg, North Lincolnshire, DN20 8XB

Tel: 01724 298434

young.voice@northlincs.gov.uk

[Twitter: @NLCYC](https://twitter.com/NLCYC)

You can find out more about the North Lincolnshire Youth Council here: <http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/people-health-and-care/children-and-young-people/services-for-young-people/youth-council/>

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 further information, advice or support?

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

You can find the Local Offer for North Lincolnshire at:
www.northlincslocaloffer.com

SENDIASS 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 to get more involved.

There are also a number of national organisations that provide information and advice. These include:

Contact a Family

SEN National Advice Service Helpline: 0808 808 3555
www.cafamily.org.uk

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

General Advice Line: 0800 018 4016
www.ipsea.org.uk

A more comprehensive list of national and condition specific information and advice providers is available here: <http://www.northlincslocaloffer.com/SENDIASS>

Notes

Special Educational Needs & Disability

For further information:

SENDIASS

Hewson House, Brigg
North Lincolnshire, DN20 8XJ

Telephone: 01724 277665

Email: help@nlsendiass.org.uk

Web: www.northlincslocaloffer.com/sendiaass



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For information please call:

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