

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 children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities, and their families. 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 Cornwall at <http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer>.

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:

- 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
- 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/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 <http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer>

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 Cornwall Local Offer includes more information on the local arrangements www.supportincornwall.org.uk/localoffer

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.

Further Information

View our other information leaflets and resources at:

www.cornwallsendiass.org.uk



Information: You may find it helpful to look at our other leaflets and information on our website, social media channels and through our workshops and courses.



Advice: We provide unbiased information and advice about what the law says, the local authority's policies and procedures, and about the policy and practice in local schools or other settings.



Support: We can help you by **listening** to your views and concerns, whilst working with you to explore your options.

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

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

IASS (information, advice and support services network)
www.cyp.iasnetwork.org.uk

IPSEA (national charity providing legally based information advice and support) www.ipsea.org.uk

Our Website www.cornwallsendiass.org.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