

SEND Bulletin

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Suffolk Local Offer is the place to go for information and advice on services available for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities

The information available from Suffolk County Council on the [Suffolk Local Offer](#) website describes the support available to families and all children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities, including:

- **universal services**, for example early years and childcare providers, schools and GPs;
- **short-term support** for children and young people with SEND who require additional support (in addition to what's provided by universal services); and
- **specialist services** for children and young people with SEND who need specific longer-term support.

For comments contact the SEND Health Team on wscg.suffolksend@nhs.net

Publication of a young person's guide to SEND disagreement resolution

Following the [2017 review of disagreement resolution arrangements](#), the Department for Education commissioned Mott MacDonald, as part of the Delivering Better Outcomes Together (DBOT) consortium, to develop and publish a guide for young people aged 16-25 on how to resolve special educational needs and disability (SEND) disagreements. Mott MacDonald worked with a range of organisations and groups, including the young people's group FLARE, to produce the guide.

The guide '*When people can't agree – Special Educational Needs and Disability Complaints: a guide for Young People in education*' can be found here -

<https://www.sendpathfinder.co.uk/send-complaints-a-guide-for-young-people-in-education> Or here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-complaints-guide-for-young-people-aged-16-to-25-in-education>

The guide provides advice and information about how young people who are unhappy with the support they are getting for their special educational needs or disability can find the right help and advice to resolve their issues. The guide explains who young people can go to for support and the steps to take.

The guide is aimed at young people with SEND, their families and the individuals and organisations that provide them with support.

Please share this guide with your networks and anyone you think would be interested in the guide. If you have any questions relating to the guide please contact:

SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com

Since the launch of the national trial on the 3rd April 2018 there have been 144 cases registered under the First-tier Tribunal's extended powers between 3rd April and 4th September 2018.

The SEND landscape: CDC Annual Survey 2018 closes 21st November

and is a chance for practitioners and professionals across the SEND sector to have your say about what you think about the SEND reforms, the sector more broadly, and the work of the Council for Disabled Children. To take part visit:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HVHLBBM?utm_source=CDC+Newsletters&utm_campaign=4c1476d8f1-

[EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_15_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_14015fa80f-4c1476d8f1-321385797&mc_cid=4c1476d8f1&mc_eid=cbb1e33564](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HVHLBBM?utm_source=CDC+Newsletters&utm_campaign=4c1476d8f1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_15_COPY_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_14015fa80f-4c1476d8f1-321385797&mc_cid=4c1476d8f1&mc_eid=cbb1e33564)

The CDC has published resources, publications and tools for commissioners, health and local authorities and has provided an updated resource list for key health-related resources. For more information visit:

https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/Health%20Resources.pdf?utm_source=CDC+Newsletters&utm_campaign=4c1476d8f1-

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In June 2018 the **Department of Health & Social Care** published the policy *Carers Action Plan 2018-20 Supporting Carers Today* aimed at carers, health and social care professionals, charities, employers, local government and the general public:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/713781/carers-action-plan-2018-2020.pdf

Public Health England has published information about new resources being made available to support disabled people in becoming more active:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-support-launched-for-disabled-adults-to-improve-health>

It has also published guides on how reasonable adjustments should be made to health services and adjustments made to help people with learning disabilities to access services:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/reasonable-adjustments-for-people-with-a-learning-disability>

Visit the Norfolk Local Offer for information about provision that is available, and expected provision, across education, health and social care for children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

It aims to provide clear, accessible and up-to-date information about available provision and how to access it, and make provision responsive to local needs and aspirations.

Norfolk news...

In September a summary of the **SEND Local Offer Review 2018** was published on the Norfolk Local Offer website for the year 2017/18. Read it here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/about-the-local-offer/news-views-and-reviews/reviews/send-local-offer-review-2018>

A plan for £120m for special school places has been approved by Norfolk County Council. The plan is to develop up to four new special schools, accommodating a total of 400 pupils, and 170 additional places within specialist resource bases (SRBs) hosted by mainstream schools, while also exploring the possibility of further school-based nurture provision and residential provision to meet social, emotional, mental health and specialist/complex needs. The provision will also help other identifiable groups of children, such as the 20% of children in care who have an EHCP and a further 36% currently identified as needing SEN Support.

Training in Norfolk

A multi-agency training session to improve advice in how to write for EHCPs is to take place on 26th November 2018 at PDC Norwich. Further sessions will be arranged across Norfolk. To obtain further information on health attendance please contact the DCO via gywccg.SEND@nhs.net

Professionals working in the field of SEND can access training resources on the Norfolk Local Offer website here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/about-the-local-offer/training-and-support-events/training-resources>

A SEND e-learning course is being developed and will be accessible via the Learning Hub and the Norfolk Local Offer to provide a high level of knowledge and insight into SEND.

For an introduction to statutory reforms, CDC SEND reforms E-learning: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/learning/sections/frontline-practice/understanding-send-reforms-practitioners-and-front-line-workers>

Suffolk news...

The Learning Disability Health Check Campaign 14 – 25 years #MyLifeMyHealthSuffolk was launched in October 2018 with a poster, booklet and a social media campaign promoting annual health checks with the GP for young people aged 14-25 with a learning disability, to help ensure they stay fit and enjoy good mental wellbeing, as well as ensuring problems can be identified early so they can be treated more quickly. Visit the Suffolk Local Offer health landing page for more information or:

<https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=JVjsb64VXiq>

Save The Date... The Suffolk Multi-Agency Safeguarding Conference Wednesday 13th February 2019 from 9.30am until 4.30pm

This conference will launch the new and revised Suffolk policies and procedures following the Safeguarding Adults Transformation Programme. Further details to follow...

Training in Suffolk

Suffolk Learning—Information and guidance for CYP & ASC and health professionals:

https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/CMS/view_folder.asp?folderid=3810&depth=3&rootid=129&level1id=&level2=3810&level2id=3810&level3=3810&level3id=3810

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The East of England Regional SEND Peer Network brings together key partners from local across the region (parent carer forums, education, social care, health, and sector-led improvement groups) to share information, develop strategic approaches and implement operational practices for the benefit of children and young people with SEND and their families. It co-ordinates regional events and workshops. *Making Participation Work*, an event planned between January and March 2019 with the CDC, is to be confirmed, as well as the Regional PFA Group. Booking places to attend events, flyers or booking links will be available nearer the time at: <https://wiki.rixwiki.org/gbr/home/east-of-england-send-peer-network/>