

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 (SEND) in Suffolk

The information available from Suffolk County Council on the [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 wsccg.suffolksend@nhs.net

Training in Suffolk

Suffolk Learning—Information and Guidance for CYP & ASC and health professionals: https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/CMS/view_folder.asp?folde-

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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 Autism Toolkit For the Autism Toolkit, organised by the ACS Autism Best Practice Group (ABPG) visit <https://www.suffolklearning.co.uk/workforce-development/-inclusion/autism> Here you can find documents on legislative context and guidance, links to research and resources as well as useful websites and services in Suffolk.

SEND Programme Board Update April 2018 The Suffolk SEND Programme Board, the group that oversees the implementation of the Suffolk SEND Strategy and Statement of Action, are providing a progress update about the Local Offer Information and improving the SEND Journey for children, young people and their families. [Read the update on the Suffolk Local Offer website](#)

New online Education, Health and Care (EHC) Hub coming soon... The online tool being developed by Suffolk County Council's SEN Team will soon be available, which will give young people, families and practitioners live access to the progress of an EHC Needs Assessment. Once live, the EHC Hub will allow the progress of an assessment and any information and advice submitted to be tracked at any time. As part of its development, the tool has been tested with a small number of families and professionals. For more information visit https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/advice.page?id=GY3LXkawl_Y

REGIONAL NEWS

SEND Regional Peer Network There was a regional event led by the regional network that took place on 22 March 2018 with good representation across the region. The lead for the SEND Regional Peer Network group has now moved from Hertfordshire to Peterborough. The next governance group to plan the events for the region over the next 12 months met on 24th May 2018 when more information would be shared. For future events and calendar of activities visit <https://www.rixwiki.org/gbr/home/east-of-england-send-peer-network>

Training in Norfolk

An eLearning package is being produced that has been developed and coproduced across all areas and should be available from September 2018. The PowerPoint for this will be available on the Local offer for people to use in their teams and organisations whilst the elearning is developed.

Single agency workshops and Multi agency Quality Assurance workshops have taken place and early findings will be shared with some areas of Statutory advice needing to be specified more clearly as well as being able to quantify in the plans.

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Norfolk news...

A new working model for EHCP Coordinators The EHCP Coordinator Team moved to a school-based working model from Easter 2018. They will be carrying out all relevant tasks in the school catchment areas they cover. When a child/young person is home educated, attends a nursery or post-16 setting they will be allocated to a Coordinator. For more information about their role visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/support-for-learning/special-educational-needs-sen-support/send-professionals/education-health-and-care-ehc-plan-coordinator>

Aligning Continuing Care Reviews and EHCP reviews A 6 months pilot has commenced between NCC inclusion team EHCP coordinators, Continuing Care Lead, Designated Clinical Officer and a complex needs school in Norfolk to align both Continuing care reviews with EHCP reviews. Updates and findings will be available at the interim stage and at the end of the pilot.

EHCP needs assessment Online portal Norfolk are revisiting the IT system to be able to provide advice and information for an EHCP needs assessment, in its early stages, but will keep you informed on progress.

Norfolk Area SEND Multi Agency Steering Group update This is a working group that are pulling together strands of work to improve on areas implementing SEND, to improve outcome and oversight for children and young people across Norfolk. A position statement report was presented to the SEND Management Board with further work to develop an up to date Multi Agency SEND Strategy.

NATIONAL NEWS

SEND Tribunal: single route of redress national trial Guidance on the single route of redress national trial has been published on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) for social care teams, health commissioners, parents and young people, and can be used by organisations supporting families. It sets out the extended powers and duties in the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(First-tier Tribunal Recommendations Power\) Regulations 2017](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/special-educational-needs-and-disability-first-tier-tribunal-recommendations-power-regulations-2017), explaining how the appeal process will work, what happens if recommendations are not followed and the support available for commissioners and families.

A toolkit has also been published at <http://www.sendpathfinder.co.uk/send-single-route-of-redress-national-trial> offering practical materials to help local areas prepare.

This forms part of a wider package of support for the trial, including a helpdesk, newsletter, further training and webinars and advice from their SEND advisers and NHS England SEND Local Leads.

Any questions relating to participation in the trial, how the trial will operate or the information in the guidance or toolkit can be directed to the trial helpdesk at Mott MacDonald (the trial facilitators) at:

SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com Telephone 0207 651 0308

Council for Disabled Children — forum The Making Ourselves Heard network have established a forum which will allow practitioners to share learning, resources and examples of best practice, as well as to support each other when challenges arise. The forum is designed to encourage supportive networks within and between local areas, as well as at the national level, and is open only for professionals who are looking to involve children and young people in decision making at the individual, operational and strategic levels. For more information visit the Spring edition of the CDC Digest: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/Spring%20Digest%202018%20v5.pdf>