

About the Local Offer

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What is the Local Offer?

The Local Offer is a new way of giving children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (**SEND**) and their parents or carers information about what activities and support is available in the area where you live.

The Council for Disabled Children (CDC) have produced a video which provides information about what a Local Offer is. This can be viewed at the bottom of this page. You can also download the government's guidance about the Local Offer using the link on the right of this page.

To find out more about Sheffield's Local Offer you can read the explanation below or refer to the summary leaflet which is available to download.

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The Local Offer is part of Sheffield's online directory for Children, Young People and families in Sheffield. This is our attempt to bring together helpful and useful information located in one easily searchable website and is accessible through smart phones and tablets.

It contains a wide range of information and services to support children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities. These include public services that are available within:

- Education: nurseries, schools and colleges
- Health: GPs, School Nurses, Paediatricians and Therapists
- Social Care: short breaks, respite services and disability services.
- Special support services: Educational Psychologists, Autism Team, Visual impairment Service, Hearing impaired and Deaf Service and Early Years/Portage Teams

It should also enable you to find out what support and services are available in the voluntary and private sectors, for example, from charities and disability groups, nurseries, youth clubs, to opportunities for children and young people who have additional needs to engage in a broad range of leisure activities.

Additional information will be available for young adults. The Sheffield Local Offer is intended to help you make informed choices about things that are important to you such as where to live; transport; social activities, work and training; and making the transition to adulthood.

Who's it for?

The Local Offer is for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, as well as the young people themselves.

It's also a resource that individuals, groups or organisations can draw on in the work that they do in supporting children, young people and their families, by highlighting other resources, services or guidance that may be accessed.

How does it help me?

It will make it easier to find out what you need to know and when you need to know it, so you're less reliant on other people or word of mouth suggestions. Showing you the nearest and most

suitable services, letting you give feedback, raise concerns or make a comment or complaint.

The information available contains information and links to organisations which may help you.

How can I find out more about what is happening in Sheffield?

If you want to know more about what is happening in Sheffield, please contact any of the following:

- Stuart Williams, Principal Educational Psychologist. Tel: 0114 2506800 or e mail: stuart.williams1@sheffield.gov.uk
- Sheffield Parent Carer Forum. Tel: 0300 321 4721
<http://sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk/>
- **SSENDIAS - Sheffield SEN & Disability Information Advice and Support (formerly Parent Partnership Service)**

Sheffield SEN & Disability Information Advice and Support (SSENDIAS) provides impartial, confidential information, advice & support to parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities on a range of topics including; SEN/disability specific information, education, SEN statutory processes, available services, disability related benefits, grants and funding.

They offer support to parents of children and young people (aged 0-25) with any level or kind of difficulty or disability, from mild to multiple, severe conditions. They operate across the city and only take referrals from parents/carers.

Telephone 0114 273 6009 **E-mail** ed-parent.partnership@sheffield.gov.uk

Website <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/education/information-for-parentscarers/care-support/specialneeds/support-for-parents/ssendias.html>