

Please find below some information about the Leicestershire Local Offer which has been taken from the below website (accessed on 23.09.14).

There are also a number of links which will take you to more information.

[http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/children\\_families/local\\_offer/local\\_offer\\_advice\\_and\\_guidance.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/children_families/local_offer/local_offer_advice_and_guidance.htm)

## Leicestershire Local Offer

### Advice & Guidance

Here you will find information regarding a range of advice and guidance materials relating to the changes that have come into force as a result of Part 3 of the Children and Families Act 2014 and more specifically the Local Authorities duties to comply with [Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice: 0-25 years](#) . The changes will be brought in gradually from 1st September, 2014 until March 2018. Click [here](#) to see a timeline showing how these changes will happen.(PDF, 78 Kb)

The changes are welcome ensuring that children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities and their families are fully involved in decisions about their support and what they want to achieve.

The changes mean that:

- Children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities may be eligible for an [SEN support plan](#) or an [Education Health and Care \(EHC\) plan](#) which will eventually will replace the current system of statements and learning difficulty assessments. Conversions will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Click [here](#) to see a diagram that explains this process (PDF, 94Kb).
- Children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities will be eligible for an assessment for an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan from birth until the age of 25 whilst in education. You can find a more detailed look at how this works by clicking [here](#) (PDF, 156Kb)
- Children and young people who are eligible for an education, health and care plan will be offered the option of a [personal budget](#) to provide more choice over their care package.
- The development of the council's 'local offer' will be co-produced with the engagement of Leicestershire's Children, Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers
- Professionals will work in a more coordinated way to join up help across education, health and social care

### Advice & Support Services

[Disability & SEN – Support Services](#)

[Advice & Support](#)

[SEND Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Independent Parental Special Education Advice \(IPSEA\)](#)

Local Parent Partnership Service

Leicestershire Family Voice

The following information can be found by following this link:

<http://edyourself.org/articles/localoffer.php> (accessed on 23.09.14)

## Introduction

The purpose of the local offer is to enable parents and young people to see more clearly what [specialist, targeted and universal services](#) are available in their area and how to access them. This is **not** restricted to special educational needs and disabilities, but should include wider provision from birth to 25, across education, health and social care and should be developed in conjunction with children and young people, parents and carers, and local services, including schools, colleges, health and social care agencies.

The Local Offer is set out in [Section 30 of the Children and Families Act 2014](#) and in the [Local Offer Regulations](#). DfE has **not** prescribed basic minimum requirements for what **must** be offered; instead the regulations stipulate that the LA must publish information on its website about what it **expects** to be on offer.

The Regulations say that the LA must seek comments on the contents of the local offer "including the quality of the provision that is included and any provision that is not included". The LA must also publish the comments on its website "at least annually". However, the LA is **not** required to publish comments which it considers to be vexatious or relate to services provided to a particular individual.

For a quick and very readable summary of the main drawback of the local offer click [here](#)