

SEND Bulletin

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Suffolk Local Offer is the place to go for information and advice on the 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

The DfE has published the July 2018 edition of the Department for Education's **0-25 SEND Alternative Provision and Attendance Unit Newsletter**, which features information about SEND mediation training funding, as well as NHS England's 'Ask. Listen. Do' project, which aims to "support organisations to learn from and improve the experiences of people with a learning disability, autism or both, their families and carers when giving feedback, raising a concern or making a complaint." To receive the newsletter email SEN.Implementation@education.gov.uk

Gov.uk has published a statistical report of pupils in England with a statement of SEN or an EHC plan and those requiring SEN support, and the types of SEN, for January 2018. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2018>

You can also compare the statistics of pupils with SEN nationally: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-special-educational-needs-sen>

The Council for Disabled Children has published its Summer 2018 issue of the **CDC Digest**, where you can access valuable resources and e-learning as well as take part in the CDC Stakeholder Survey. Visit https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/cdc-digest-summer-2018?mc_cid=a20df0cb13&mc_eid=cbb1e33564

New e-learning available from the Council for Disabled Children for developing Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans from year 9 and beyond. For further information visit <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news-opinion/news/new-e-learning-developing-ehc-plans-year-9-and-beyond> The CDC website states: "The examples should be useful to those contributing to EHC needs assessments and to those writing plans, as well as to parents, children and young people and those supporting them. Although there will be some key features that will apply to EHC plans for children and young people of all ages, this module focuses on the different considerations for young people aged 14-25."

SEND Tribunal: Single Route of Redress national trial guidance has been published on [GOV.UK](http://gov.uk) The guidance is for local authority SEND and 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](#), and explains 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> that offers some practical materials to help local areas prepare, including template Local Offer and decision letter wording, a one-page summary and slides from the recent regional induction events. This forms part of a wider package of support for the trial, including a helpdesk, newsletter, further training and webinars and advice from our SEND advisers and NHS England SEND local leads. For further information please get in touch with the trial helpdesk at Mott MacDonald (the trial facilitators) via SENDdeliverysupport@mottmac.com or 0207-651 0308.

SEND Parliament meeting Please follow the link to the SEND committee inquiry into parental confidence in special educational needs: <https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/e88dec3f-1a6c-407f-88df-7a062248cbee>

DFE Minister speech, 13th August 2018 The Secretary of State for Education addressed the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS) at its Manchester conference. The speech covered a range of areas, including SEND: <https://twitter.com/educationgovuk/status/1014857427286740993>

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

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...

A new DCO for SEND, Tabitha Griffin, has been appointed at Ipswich & East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs. The GP Lead for SEND is Dr Imaad Khalid, with support from Dr Ben Solway.

Suffolk County Council launched their **SEND Sufficiency Plan consultation** from 26th June 2018 to 7th August 2018, which gathered data from several different organisations across education, health and care as well as parents/carers. Part of the SEND Strategy 2017-2020, the sufficiency plan is part of priority 3 of the Strategy 'The Development of Provision and Services'. To download the SEND Sufficiency Plan visit: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/send-sufficiency-plan-consultation/>

A Suffolk learning disability nurse wins national award... Specialist nurse Sue Bridges, who works in NSFT, has been named as the best learning disability nurse in England. She recently picked up the award at a ceremony at the ICC in Birmingham. Sue is based in Endeavour House, Ipswich, but her role takes her across both counties where her responsibilities include offering clinical advice, delivering training to staff and liaising with partner organisations. Read her story here: <http://www.nsft.nhs.uk/Pages/Sue-is-the-best-learning-disability-nurse-in-England.aspx>

R E G I O N A L N E W S

The East of England SEND Peer Network offer SEN support resources and research evidence on effective approaches and examples of current practice in good and outstanding schools and colleges. For information visit: <https://www.rixwiki.org/gbr/home/east-of-england-send-peer-network/sen-support-2/>

Also, 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.

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Norfolk news...

From the age of 14, people with a learning disability should be invited by their GP to have an annual health check. A workshop was given at the Family Voice Conference this year by Mark Gower, Designated Clinical Officer (DCO) for SEND in Norfolk, about 'Health Transition', which outlines what is important for 14–25-year-olds with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). To see the slides from his talk visit: <https://www.familyvoice.org.uk/articles-reports/conferences/> Also visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/learning-disabilities/annual-health-checks/>

The CDC's latest Spotlight feature is about the work of East Norfolk-based charity **Shine**, which provides a range of person-centred services and activities for children and young people with additional needs or disabilities and their families across the East Norfolk region. Read about their work: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/members/shining-spotlight/shining-spotlight-shine-east-norfolk>

If you would like to subscribe to **Norfolk's SEND e-Newsletter**, you can do this at <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer> — the Local Offer website. The newsletter is full of information about events and services in Norfolk.