

How will it help?

The Local Offer should:

- Make it easier to find out what you need to know
- Give you up to date information about what is available
- Help you find the nearest and most suitable services
- Tell you where you can get further information
- Make services more responsive to local needs.

Reviewing the Local Offer

Dudley local authority has a duty to continually review the Local Offer and must publish at least annually, any comments it receives from or on behalf of children with SEND and their parents and young people with SEND. They must also publish their response to the comments received.

Comments can relate to:

- The content of the Local Offer
- The accessibility of information
- How the Local Offer has been developed and reviewed

To make any comments please use the form available on the Local Offer website.

For more information contact:

Dudley SEND information, advice and support service

For referrals email dudley.sendiass@dudley.gov.uk

Service telephone number 07900 161363

Website: <http://dudleysendiass.org.uk/>



The Local Offer

**Dudley special educational needs
and disability information, advice and
support service (SENDIASS)**

- Free
- Impartial
- Confidential



What is the local offer?

The Local Offer is published as part of the SEND reforms under the Children and Families Act 2014

- Every local authority must publish a Local Offer.
- The Local Offer tells you what support the local authority expects to be available for children and young people with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities.
- It should be clear, comprehensive and accessible and hold all the information in one place.
- It must include information about education, health and care provision.
- It should also tell you about training, employment and independent living for young people with SEND.
- Give information about leisure activities and support groups.

You can find the Local Offer for Dudley at: www.dudley.gov.uk/localoffer

For more information:
email Local.Offer@dudley.gov.uk
or telephone 01384 814398

Who is it for?

The Local Offer is for:

- Children and young people with SEND and/or disabilities from birth to 25
- Their parents and carers
- Practitioners and professionals

What does it include?

The Local Offer includes information on:

- How children and young peoples' needs are identified
- How their needs are assessed, including how parents and young people can request an Education Health and Care needs assessment
- The special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities
- Post 16 education, including opportunities for training and employment
- How provision is funded
- Childcare, including suitable provision for children with SEND
- Support for independent living
- Leisure activities and support groups
- Where you can find information, advice and support
- Arrangements for travel to and from school, college and other settings
- The help available to resolve disagreements and for mediation and details about making complaints
- Appealing to the SEND Tribunal in respect of SEN and provision

The Local Offer must also tell you about services outside your area which local people are likely to use.

More detailed information is included in the SEND Code of Practice: 0 to 25 years. Section 4.30