

Support for Special Educational Needs and Disability has changed...

The way that children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) are supported changed on 1 September 2014.

The Children and Families Act 2014 has seen the introduction of Education, Health and Care Plans and a 'Local Offer' for families with a child or young person with SEND.

What is the Local Offer?

The Local Offer is a directory of information that helps families to find and access support. All local authorities are required to have their own local offer as part of the government's SEND reforms.

The Local Offer:

- gives you information about education, health and care services, as well as leisure activities and support groups
- holds all the information in one place
- is clear, comprehensive and easy to access
- has been developed and reviewed with people who provide services and families who use them

The Local Offer is for:

- children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities (SEND) from birth to 25 years.
- their parents and carers
- practitioners and professionals

The Local Offer is available to access at any time of the day or night so you can see at the click of a button what services could provide the right support for your child. Visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer to view the MK offer. A paper copy is also available on request.

What is an Education, Health and Care Plan?

The Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) replaces Statements of Special Educational Need and Learning Difficulty Assessments. It has a broader focus including health and social care arrangements as well as educational support arrangements.

It offers children, young people and their families more say in the support they receive, and greater flexibility to determine elements of their own care package, including the use of personal budgets.

Find out more

You can find out more about the local offer, EHC and personal budgets at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

If you would like to talk to someone, please call the SEN Team on 01908 253138 or email sen@milton-keynes.gov.uk