

Now tell us what you think

We want you to be involved in deciding what services and support you'd like to be available to you and your family. Please take the time to fill in our questionnaire.

To give your views you can:

- Write to Hilary Crook, Derbyshire County Council, Children and Younger Adults, Room 387c, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG
- Give your views online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/senneeds
- Email your comments to supportandaspiration@derbyshire.gov.uk
- Ring our contact centre Call Derbyshire on 01629 533365 where an operator can fill in the questionnaire on your behalf
- Air your views at one of the existing forums where our staff meet the public and partner organisations. Go to www.derbyshireparentforums.co.uk

Our consultation will run until midnight on Friday 23 May so please get your views back to us by then.

Changing support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.



Have your say about services and information available to you and your family

A new law comes in to force from September 2014 which will lead to the biggest change in the system for special educational needs for 30 years.

It means we have to change the way we assess and support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

All organisations will have a duty to work together and make sure information is freely available to parents, children, young people and those who work with them. This will be known as the Local Offer.

We want you to be at the heart of all the services we provide and we want to know what you think.



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The changes

The Government is introducing a new law. We are changing the way we work with children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Children and Families Act – Part 3 will introduce co-ordinated education, health and care (EHC) plans for children and young people with the most complex special educational needs. This will replace the statement of special educational needs and learning difficulty assessment.

All children and young people currently with a statement will be given an EHC plan but from September requests for statutory assessment of a child will follow the new process.

There are also new duties on all organisations to work more closely together to make sure children and young people get the support they need to help them fulfil their potential.

The new law extends the rights and protections to 0 to 5 and 16 to 25-year-olds with special educational needs and disabilities, including those who are in further education or training.

For the first time, families with an EHC plan can request a personal budget to buy services they need.

We're facing budget pressures like never before. We need to make the best use of our money and deliver services in the most cost-effective way.

This new way of working gives us the opportunity to do things better. We want to put you at the heart of our services and your views are important to us.

The Local Offer

From September, all organisations have to make sure information is freely available to parents, children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and those who work with them.

This information will include schools, health services, groups and activities and will be known as the Local Offer.

We want you to be involved in deciding what services and support should be included as part of the Local Offer. We're also looking at how this information will be provided and where.

We don't have the money to provide more services so it is especially important that the ones we can offer are right for you and your family and we do this in the most cost-effective way.

We will review what's on offer regularly to make sure you're getting the support you need and we'd like you to be involved in that too.

