

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 a few minutes to fill out 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.

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



Have your say on changes to the way we plan for your child's future

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.

We want help and support to be available when it is needed so we are exploring how existing resources and funding can be used by nurseries, schools and colleges to put things in place more quickly.

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

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.

Proposal

We are looking at how we can support children and young people without the need for a statutory assessment.

For the first time nurseries, schools and colleges will be able to apply for extra funding to provide support to your child.

We would put a clear plan in place for how this funding is used to support your child which would be known as a Local Support Plan.

In line with the way we work currently, you could still ask for a statutory assessment to be carried out and you will still have the right to appeal if that request is turned down.

We would also appreciate your views about our proposed EHC plans.

