

independent support

Advice and Support on Education, Health and Care
Plans for Parents and Children and Young People
with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



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Supporting parent carers & their families



North Lincolnshire

Formerly North Lincolnshire Parent Partnership

SEN & Disability
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for SEND

Introduction

In September 2014, the government made changes to the law for children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Statements of SEN and Learning Difficulty Assessments (LDA) were replaced with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP). All new requests for statutory assessment will be considered under the new system. Changes for those with existing statements or LDAs will be gradually introduced. The Local Authority will inform you by letter when this change will take place for you or your child.

What is Independent Support?

Independent Support is a government funded programme overseen by the Council for Disabled Children (CDC) to help the SEND reforms to be implemented. It aims to ensure additional support is available to those parents, children and young people:

- newly requesting an assessment for an EHCP
- whose statement is due to convert to an EHCP
- who have an LDA which is converting.

In North Lincolnshire the CDC have contracted two services to deliver the programme and provide free and confidential support. These are:

- The Action for Children Kaleidoscope Project, and
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS), formerly known as the Parent Partnership Service.

How can Independent Supporters help you?

Independent Supporters can offer a range of time-limited services. The level and nature of their support will be tailored to the particular needs of individual families. They can:

- Explain how the statutory assessment and planning process works
- Support and guide you through the process
- Ensure your views are heard and contribute to the assessment
- Attend meetings with you
- Help you in drafting letters and any other supporting paperwork
- Link with a range of agencies to help gather the information for the EHCP
- Check your EHCP with you
- Ensure you understand the 'Local Offer'
- Provide advice about personal budgets
- Signpost or refer you to other support or specialist services if required.

Where can you get help?

If you have an LDA or your child has a statement of SEN which is due to convert to an EHCP and would like support, please contact:

Kaleidoscope

Dunstall Street, Scunthorpe
North Lincolnshire
DN15 6JZ

Telephone: **01724 277766**
Email: nek@actionforchildren.org.uk

If you are newly requesting an EHCP and would like support, please contact:

SENDIASS

Hewson House, Station Road, Brigg
North Lincolnshire
DN20 8XJ

Telephone: **01724 277665**
Email: sendiass@northlincs.gov.uk



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Other sources of information

North Lincolnshire Local Offer

The Local Offer provides information, in one place, about resources, services, support, activities and events which are available to children and young people with SEND and their families in North Lincolnshire.
www.northlincslocaloffer.com

Council for Disabled Children

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/independent-support

Information, Advice and Support Services Network

www.iassnetwork.org.uk

Contact a Family

SEN National Advice Service
Helpline: 0808 808 3555
www.cafamily.org.uk

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

General Advice Line: 0800 018 4016
www.ipsea.org.uk

No English?

For information please call:

08000 193530 (Arabic) للحصول على المزيد من المعلومات اتصل بـ: 08000 193530

তথ্যগুলি বাংলায় জানতে হলে এই নম্বরে ফোন করুন: 08000 193531 (Bengali)

欲知粵語版的消息，請致電: 08000 193532 (Cantonese)

हिन्दी में जानकारी के लिये 08000 193533 पर फोन करें (Hindi)

بۆ زانیاری به کوردی سۆرانی تەلهفۆن بۆ ژماره 08000 193537 (Kurdish Sorani)

Para mais informação em português contacte-nos através do telefone 08000 193538 (Portuguese)

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ ਲਈ 08000 193539 'ਤੇ ਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ (Punjabi)

“Warbixinta oo af Soomaali ah wac 08000 193540” (Somali)

08000 193541 (Urdu) اردو میں انفارمیشن کے لیے اس ٹیلیفون نمبر پر را بط فرمائیں۔

Nie mówisz po angielsku? Po informacje zadzwoń pod numer 08000 195587 (Polish)

Не знаете английский? Для информации звоните 08000 195586 (Russian)

For information in alternative formats or to request a signer or interpreter to speak to us please contact **01724 277766** or **01724 277665**