



Surrey
Additional
Needs and
Disabilities
Partnership

Additional needs and disabilities plan

2023 to 2026



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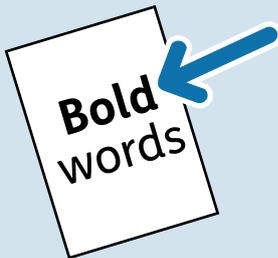
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This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



[Blue and underlined](#) words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About us



We are Surrey's Additional Needs and Disabilities Partnership.

The Partnership includes:



- People from health, social care and education services.



- Families, carers and people who work with **children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.**

Children and young people with additional needs and disabilities are:



- Aged 0 to 25, and



- Need some extra support to learn and live good lives.



We plan services for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.



We also check that the services are working well.

About our plan



We want all children and young people to get the support they need to live good lives.



We want children and young people with additional needs and disabilities to:

- Have the support they need.



- Have support when they need it.



We wrote a plan to make services better for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities in Surrey.

The plan talks about:



- What we want to make happen.



- The way we will do our work.



- What we are going to do over the next 3 years.



Inspectors looked at our plan in September 2023.

Inspectors look at the work people do and tell them how to make it better.



The inspectors asked us to change our plan.



We already knew we needed to make our plan better.



We used what the inspectors said and what we already knew to change our plan.



You can read more about what the inspectors said and how we are changing our plan here:
www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/362958/Local-Area-SEND-Strategic-Improvement-Plan.pdf

What we want to make happen

We want all children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, and their families, to:



- Tell us what they need.



- Be included when we make decisions about them.



- Be happy and healthy in their body and mind.



- Get on well with other people.

We also want children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, and their families to:



- Do as well as they can at nursery, school and college.



- Be able to do more for themselves.



- Be part of what is happening in their local area.



- Get the right support and services when they need them.

Working together



We will work together with children, young people and their families to make decisions that are good for everyone.



This will include involving children and young people in planning their education, health, care and support so that it is right for them.

We will train staff who work with children and young people to:



- Listen to what they need.



- Give them better support.

What we will do

Make sure we do what is important



We want to work on things that are most important to children, young people and families.

We will make sure we know:



- What needs to be done.



- When it should be done.

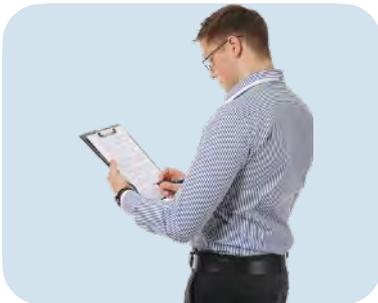


- Who should be doing it.

We will work together with families, children and young people to plan what they need and look at:



- What we can do better.



- How we check that we are doing what children and young people need.

Find out what people need



We will find out what needs a child has as soon as we know they might need more help.



This will mean children can start getting the support they need as quickly as possible.



We will give people information to:

- Help them understand how they can help their child.



- Tell them about the support they can get in their area.



We will make the information:

- Easier to understand.



- Easier to find on our website.

Have better relationships with families



We want families to trust the services they use.

We want to:



- Give families a better experience of working with us.



- Listen to families more.



- Train staff to give better support to families.

We also want to:



- Make it easier for everyone to find and understand the information we give them.



- Make sure no one is left out.



- Help everyone feel like they are part of their local community.

Help children and young people to be included

We want to make sure all children and young people are included:

- At school and college.
- In activities in their local area.



To help children and young people be included we want to:



- Make sure schools and activities are **accessible** to everyone.

Accessible means easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.



- Change how people think about children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.



- Make sure everyone can belong and be part of their community.



Some people think that children and young people with additional needs and disabilities cannot be included.



But they can be included if they are given the chance, and the support they need.

Find out what people need



We will try harder to find out what children and young people with additional needs and disabilities need.



We will make sure we check what children and young people need at the right time and in the way they need.



We will check what they need for:

- School or college.



- Their health.



- Their care.



We will also check what they need to feel that they belong in their local community.

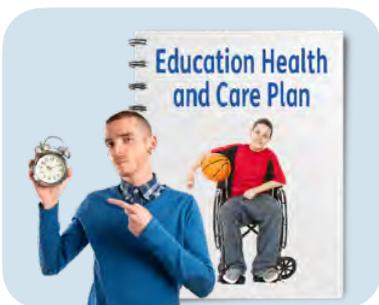


Some children and young people with additional needs and disabilities need a plan for school or college, called an **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)**.

We will make sure that EHCPs are:



- Written in the right way.



- Written in time to give children the help they need.



- Checked every year.

School

We want to make sure that:



- More children are getting support to go to school near where they live.



- All children learn in a way that meets their needs.



- All children have everything they need to:

- Live the way they want to live.



- Make the most of their lives.

How we will make sure our plan is working



We want Surrey to be the best place for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities to grow up and make the most of their lives.



We will talk to children and young people with additional needs and disabilities and their families to help us make the plan better.



Everyone in the Partnership will work together to make services better.

Find out more



You can look at our website here:

www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk



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