

Suffolk's plan for Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities 2024-2029



Young Person's Guide



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This plan is for Special Educational Needs and /or Disabilities (sometimes called SEND for short)

It tells you how we want to make things better for you.



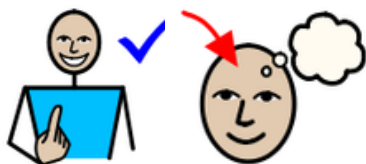
We want you to live in a world that you can move through without having to force your way through it.

The plan shows four areas we will help you and the people who support you with.

You can read about the four areas next.

You told us what was important to you in order to support children and young people with additional needs.

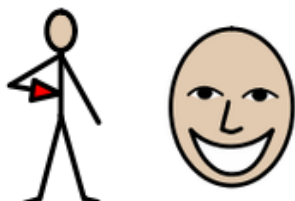
We want all children and young people to feel these things:



I can learn.



I feel supported.



I am happy.



My voice is heard.



I am safe.



I am healthy.



I am in control of my life.

1

Keeping you updated:

Make sure that you know what services we offer and how to find them.

Make sure we are listening to you so that our services are right for you.

Make sure we are bringing the people who help you together to support you.

Make sure we are sharing information with you in a way that is best for you.

You have told us this is important because...

“I won’t feel like there is “nothing out there” for me, and would trust someone who wants to help.”



“If I knew what was there to support me, I would feel more comfortable accessing it myself.”

2

Big changes in your life:

Develop a special way of working around how we will support you when you are going through big changes.

We will work together better to help you manage these changes.

We will work closely with schools/colleges to support you to remain in education or find a job.

Better prepare you for adulthood, this could include mental health and wellbeing or moving out and finding a job.

You have told us this is important because...



“It would make me feel less anxious about change if I knew what was coming and had someone to support me.”

“I want to get out there, get some jobs and get good employability skills.”



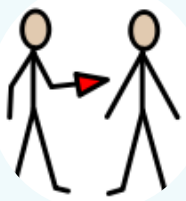


We will do things on time and make sure they are right:

Make sure that staff working with you have the right training.

Ensure your plans that support you are finished on time.

Make sure that we look at all complaints properly.



Create a plan with **YOU** and make sure we focus on what is important to **YOU**.

You have told us this is important because...



“The earlier you get it done the better. We want it before time, not on time!”

“It’s all well and good having a plan, but if it’s not right for me I will disengage and not respond.”





We will help you get the right support at the right time:

Make sure you are learning in the right place for you.

Make sure we support you early on in life to quickly know what will help you.

Everyone working with children and young people will better understand their needs.

We will help to put things into place to support your learning, whether or not you have a diagnosis.

You have told us this is important because...

“If I know what they need early on, when they get older I can be more independent”



“Coordination is key – If one professional knows what it is, tell other professionals and relieve the stress for me.”

You can find out more by visiting



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The image shows a promotional banner for 'The Source'. It features a speech bubble with a heart and the text 'I have additional needs'. Below this is a photograph of four young people smiling. The banner includes the organization's name, a list of services, a QR code, the website URL, and social media handles.

www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk

SUFFOLK LOCAL OFFER

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Welcome to Suffolk Local Offer

Information and advice for families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Suffolk.

The image shows the header of the Suffolk Local Offer website. It includes the organization's name, a search bar, a welcome message, and a brief description of the services provided. A gear icon is visible in the bottom right corner.

