

# Support for Special Educational Needs and Disability is changing...

**From September 2014 the government is changing the way children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) are supported.**

**The Children and Families Act 2014 will see the introduction of Educational Health and Care Plans and a 'Local Offer' for families with a child or young person with SEND.**

## **What is the Local Offer?**

The Local Offer will be available online in Milton Keynes from September 2014. A hard copy will also be available.

It will:

- give you information about education, health and care services, as well as leisure activities and support groups
- hold all the information in one place
- be clear, comprehensive and easy to access
- be developed and reviewed with people who provide services and families who use them

The local offer is for:

- children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities (SEND)
- children and young people from birth to 25 years
- parents and carers
- practitioners and professionals

The Local Offer will be available to access at any time of the day or night so you can see at the click of a button what services could provide the right support for your child.

## **What is an Education, Health and Care Plan?**

The Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) replaces the current statement of special educational need and has a broader focus including health and social care arrangements as well as educational support arrangements.

It will offer children, young people and their families more say in the support they receive, and greater flexibility to determine elements of their own care package, including the use of personal budgets.

## **Find out more and get involved**

More information will be provided in the coming months, but if you would like to help shape how the local offer and EHC are developed please get in touch.

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