

SOUTHEND'S SEND LOCAL OFFER

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Every local authority must publish a Local Offer. The Local Offer tells you what support is available for children and young people with SEND. It must include information about education, health and care provision and should also tell you about training, employment and independent living for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. You can find the Local Offer for Southend-on-Sea Borough Council at the LiveWell website.

All information within the Local Offer supports children and young people with SEND and their families.

The Local Offer is for:

- ▶ Children and young people with SEN and disabilities from birth to 25
- ▶ Their parents and carers
- ▶ Practitioners and professionals.

The Local Offer should:

- ▶ Make it easier to find out what you need to know
- ▶ Give you information about what is available
- ▶ Tell you where you can get further information.

The Local Offer includes information on:

- ▶ How children and young people's needs are identified
- ▶ How their needs are assessed
- ▶ The special educational, health and social care provision for children and young people with SEN or disabilities
- ▶ Opportunities for training and employment
- ▶ Support for independent living
- ▶ How provision is funded
- ▶ Leisure activities and support groups
- ▶ Where you can find more information, advice and support
- ▶ Arrangements for travel to and from school and other settings
- ▶ The help available to resolve disagreements.

The Local Offer must also tell you about services provided outside your area which local people are likely to use. It will be developed and reviewed over time with young people, parents, and service providers. If you want to be involved or make some comments, you can find out more on the Local Offer website.

Parents who wish to be more engaged in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact Southend SEND Independent Forum either on their website, Facebook page or email them at southendsendindependentforum@gmail.com

Children and young people who want to be more involved in developing and reviewing the Local Offer can contact the Local Offer website, where they have a dedicated page for young people. The local authority must publish what children, young people and parents tell them about the Local Offer. It must also clearly say what it will do about the comments it has received.

