

## **The Local Offer for Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**

A single place to come for information and advice for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0-25, and their families.

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## **Identifying special education needs and disabilities (SEND)**

### **What is SEND?**

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) have learning difficulties or disabilities that make it harder for them to learn than most other children and young people of the same age.

This could include difficulties with:

- reading, writing, number work or understanding information
- expressing themselves or understanding what others are saying
- making friends or relating to adults
- understanding and following rules and routines

If you are worried about your child's development, the first step is to speak with your child's school, nursery, doctor or health visitor.

### **What to do when you receive a diagnosis**

During this time, parents will need time to talk about their feelings and any decisions they are going to make. Close family and friends can be a good emotional support, although talking to a GP, health worker or counsellor may be easier for some people at this stage.

During and after a diagnosis you may come into contact with a number of different health care workers, including:

- GPs
- obstetricians
- paediatricians

- occupational therapists
- health visitors
- portage workers
- [Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services \(CAMHS\)](#)

Don't be afraid to ask questions, or for professionals to repeat themselves or explain things more clearly.