



Children and Families Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 6

PART 3

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

Information and advice

30 [F1SEN and disability local offer]

- (1) A local authority in England must publish information about—
- (a) the provision within subsection (2) it expects to be available in its area at the time of publication for children and young people who have special educational needs or a disability, and
 - (b) the provision within subsection (2) it expects to be available outside its area at that time for—
 - (i) children and young people for whom it is responsible, and
 - (ii) children and young people in its area who have a disability.
- (2) The provision for children and young people referred to in subsection (1) is—
- (a) education, health and care provision;
 - (b) other educational provision;
 - (c) other training provision;
 - (d) arrangements for travel to and from schools and post-16 institutions and places at which relevant early years education is provided;
 - (e) provision to assist in preparing children and young people for adulthood and independent living.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2)(e), provision to assist in preparation for adulthood and independent living includes provision relating to—
- (a) finding employment;
 - (b) obtaining accommodation;

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- (c) participation in society.
- (4) Information required to be published by an authority under this section is to be known as its "[^{F1}SEN and disability local offer]".
- (5) A local authority must keep its [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] under review and may from time to time revise it.
- (6) A local authority must from time to time publish—
 - (a) comments about its [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] it has received from or on behalf of—
 - (i) children and young people with special educational needs, and the parents of children with special educational needs, and
 - (ii) children and young people who have a disability, and the parents of children who have a disability, and
 - (b) the authority's response to those comments (including details of any action the authority intends to take).
- (7) Comments published under subsection (6)(a) must be published in a form that does not enable the person making them to be identified.
- (8) Regulations may make provision about—
 - (a) the information to be included in an authority's [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] ;
 - (b) how an authority's [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] is to be published;
 - (c) who is to be consulted by an authority in preparing and reviewing its [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] ;
 - (d) how an authority is to involve—
 - (i) children and young people with special educational needs, and the parents of children with special educational needs, and
 - (ii) children and young people who have a disability, and the parents of children who have a disability,
 in the preparation and review of its [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] ;
 - (e) the publication of comments on the [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] , and the local authority's response, under subsection (6) (including circumstances in which comments are not required to be published).
- (9) The regulations may in particular require an authority's [^{F1}SEN and disability local offer] to include—
 - (a) information about how to obtain an EHC needs assessment;
 - (b) information about other sources of information, advice and support for—
 - (i) children and young people with special educational needs and those who care for them, and
 - (ii) children and young people who have a disability and those who care for them;
 - (c) information about gaining access to provision additional to, or different from, the provision mentioned in subsection (2);
 - (d) information about how to make a complaint about provision mentioned in subsection (2).

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 30 substituted (1.4.2018) by [Children and Social Work Act 2017 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 70(2), **Sch. 2 para. 4**; [S.I. 2018/346](#), reg. 4(aa)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 30(6)(a)(i)(ii) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(a), 64(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**
- C2** S. 30(8)(d)(i)(ii) modified (1.9.2014) by [The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1530\)](#), regs. 1, 64(1)(a), 64(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. 1**

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 30 in force at 1.4.2014 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 3(a)**
- I2** S. 30 in force at 1.9.2014 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2014/889](#), **art. 7(a)** (with savings and transitional provisions in [S.I. 2014/2270](#) (as amended (1.4.2015) by [S.I. 2015/505](#) and (1.9.2015) by [S.I. 2015/1619](#)))

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