



# 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 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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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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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 “local offer”.
- (5) A local authority must keep its 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 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 local offer;
  - (b) how an authority’s local offer is to be published;
  - (c) who is to be consulted by an authority in preparing and reviewing its 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 local offer;
  - (e) the publication of comments on the 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 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).