



LOCAL OFFER

What is the Local Offer?

From September 2014, every local authority is required to publish information about services they expect to be available in their area for children and young people from birth to 25 who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND); and also services outside of the area which they expect children and young people from their area will use. This will be known as the '**Local Offer**'.

The Local Offer will put all the information about education, health and care services, leisure and support groups in one place.

What will it do?

The West Sussex framework will allow the Local Offer to provide Parents/Carers with information about how to access services in their area and what they can expect from those services. With regard to Education, it will let Parents/Carers and young people know how schools will support them and what they can expect across the local settings. During the last year, the Local Offer Steering Group has developed questions for schools and trialled them with a small number of settings.

There are 14 questions, devised in consultation with Parents/Carers and other agencies, which reflect their concerns and interests. These will be answered by schools to provide information to Parents and Carers to enable them to make decisions about how to best support their child's needs.

For further details on '**Local Offer**', please contact the school.