

Important changes to Special Educational Needs



Key changes

- ➔ Giving parents and young people control over the decisions about the support they are given.
- ➔ The introduction of Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans to replace Statements.
- ➔ Personal budgets provided for parents and young people to carry out their EHC plans.
- ➔ A requirement on local authorities to provide a local offer which will include education, health and care services.

Who can access our service?

- Parents /Carers of children in receipt of statements/EHC Plans.
- Parents/Carers of children being assessed for EHC plans.
- Young people with statements or Learning Disability Assessments.
- Young people on the threshold of Learning Disability Assessments/EHC Plans.

From 1st September 2014 there will be a number of changes to the way disabled children and young people with Special Educational Needs (SEN) receive support

If you need support and advice on these changes please call the DASH Independent Support Service

 **020 8848 8319**



What do we provide?

We will provide support to the parent or young person during the EHC assessment and planning process, with the intention of:

- Parents /Carers of children in receipt of statements/EHC Plans.
- Focusing on the main task of helping to transfer a statement into an EHC plan.
- Helping the parent or young person understand the local offer.
- Acting as a named contact person for the parent or young person throughout the assessment and planning process.
- Liaising across a range of agencies with the parent or young person to help gather the information required for an EHC plan.
- Providing information to parents and young people on personal budgets.
- Supporting the parent or young person in contributing to an EHC plan.
- Signposting parents and young people to Parent Partnership Services or local information advice and support (IAS) services, when the issue is outside the remit of an Independent Supporter.

Further information

www.hillingdonparentpartnership.org.uk

or call 01895 277001

www.hillingdonparentscarersforum.org.uk

or call 07783 579678

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk

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