

Who provides Blackpool SEND Information, Advice & Support Service?

The Children & Families Act 2014 says local authorities **MUST** provide an Information, Advice and Support Service about Special Educational Needs (SEN), disability, health and social care for children, young people and parents/carers.

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Advice & Support Service via
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Blackpool SEND

(Special Educational Needs
& Disability)

Information, Advice &
Support Service

Formerly:
Blackpool Parent
Partnership
Service



1. What is Special Educational Needs & Disability, Information, Advice & Support Service (SEND-IASS)?

2. What do we do?

3. How may we be able to help you?

- Information, Advice & Support on local policy & practice, personalisation, personal budgets, preparation for adulthood, the law on SEN & Disability, Health and Social Care
- Information, Advice and Support through Education, Health and Care plan (EHC) assessment and planning process, also information about existing SEN statements and review processes
- Confidential and impartial Information, Advice and Support to parents/carers
- Confidential and impartial advice and support to young people aged 16+
- Individual casework and representation
- Support in preparation for and attending meetings
- Help in completing forms relating to education, health and social care
- Support to resolve disagreements via Disagreement Resolution Service (DRS), Mediation and Tribunals
- Supported visits to view potential pre-schools, nurseries, child-minders, primary and high schools and colleges
- Signposting to other local or national sources of advice, information and support
- Links to local parent support groups and forums
- Information on the role of Independent Support (IS) and how to access this support.

SEND-IASS is a statutory service that provides Information, Advice & Support to disabled young people and those with SEN, their parents/carers, (who have children/young people 0-25 years) SEND-IASS services are required to be impartial accessible and free.

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SEND-IASS aims to encourage and develop partnerships between children, young people, parents/carers, early years providers, schools, colleges, the Local Authority and all other partners who are involved in working to identify, assess and meet the Special Educational Needs of children and young people.