

Free Independent Support



New Education, Health and Care Plans are coming up for a first Annual Review.

Independent Supporters are here to:

- ✓ help you to prepare for the Annual Review
- ✓ support you to be right at the centre of decisions made
- ✓ help you if you are considering whether or not to request an EHC needs assessment

For more information please contact:

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The Children and Families Act 2014 changed the way that young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) receive support. Since September 2014 Statements of Special Educational Needs have been transferred to Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs).

As well as providing advice and support to parents and young people who may wish to request an EHC needs assessment, Independent Supporters can help you prepare for a first Annual Review following issue of a plan and in some cases attend with you.

The Independent Support service is being delivered in close collaboration with the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (formerly Parent Partnership).

All Independent Supporters have completed the Council for Disabled Children's training programme which includes the new SEN legislation. They also receive local training in Data Protection, Equality & Diversity, Health & Safety, and Safeguarding. All staff have enhanced DBS checks.

The support could help you:

- ✓ ensure your views are central to the whole process
- ✓ understand local authority processes and timelines
- ✓ gather the information required for an EHC needs assessment or an Annual Review of a plan if already issued
- ✓ understand the local offer
- ✓ understand personal budgets and other aspects of the process
- ✓ signpost to Information Advice and Support (IAS) Service for general SEN support