



Understanding children and young people's statutory services



Early Years Special Educational Needs Service (EYSENIS)

This service consists of specialist teachers and practitioners that support the inclusion of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in playgroups and nursery settings.

Why is this significant to you?

Through contacting this service you can build relationships with people who are in regular contact with disabled children and their families. This is a great opportunity to market your activities through their information networks including schools and children centres.

Education, Health and Social Care Plans (EHCPs)

EHCPs have now replaced Statements of Special Educational Needs. Children and young people are assessed in a way that looks at the needs and outcomes across these three areas.

The main points to highlight are:

- Plans support SEND individuals from birth to 25 years old
- Personal budgets will now be an option - freedom to choose activities and support
- Joint working between health, social care and education
- Parental participation - each Local Authority will have a forum

Why is it important to understand EHCPs?

Three significant areas to be aware of are:

1. The increase in use of personal budgets
2. The local offer
3. Parent Carer Forums

Personal Budget: Sport and physical activity needs to be an essential part of a disabled person's social, health and wellbeing. Local support organisations involved in personal budgets should be informed about local activities, so they can encourage involvement by those who access personal budgets.

Local offer: An online information service promoting services, events and activities across education, health and social care for children and young people aged 0 - 25 with SEND. The purpose of a local offer is to enable parents, carers and young people to have easy access to the information they need. Sports organisations need to ensure that information on physical activity and sport are in the directory. In some counties magazines are published to enhance this service. By doing this you will be advertising directly to the intended target audience.

Parent Carer Forums: Each Local Authority has a voice for parent carers. Forums are a source of consultation and representation for families during the recent changes to the law and beyond. These forums are an excellent way to try to engage with parents and carers.

Tip: Give information on the importance of being active, local activities and contact information. They could also help to support your developments by using them as a consultative body.



To find your local forums visit the National Network of Parent Carer Forums: www.nnpfc.org.uk

Short breaks services

These offer community-based and family-based breaks or support in the home through an allocation of hours. It is about the child and their wishes. They can choose to do the same thing or something different each time they access short breaks. Many families access this support.

What are the opportunities for you?

Some Local Authorities have approved providers that deliver short breaks.

Could your activity be one of them?

It would be advisable to ask to see if there are pots of money that providers can access.

A high number of children, young people and families access or enquire about services and providers. Therefore, for families to access sport and physical activity opportunities they need to be aware of what's on offer. If you have an event, they may be able to include this on their current marketing and communications.

Tip: Remember to find a useful contact in the service that you can speak with regularly. They will become an advocate for you and your activities.

Information, Advice and Support Services (IASS, Previously Parent Partnership Service)

IASS exist in each local authority supporting families with disabled children and young people from birth – 25 years.

By contacting IASS how can it benefit my activity?

As a sports provider you need to give the information on local activities, sessions, clubs and events.

Tip: Remember to supply information in a variety of formats so that they can be used across the web, in newsletters, on social media, by email and printed copy to volunteers, networks and steering groups.

To find your local IASS service go to:

www.iassnetwork.org.uk/find-your-iass

Other key services to help your engagement and maybe increase your marketing reach.

Support services for children with hearing and visual impairments. These can vary from county to county; check if these exist by contacting your Local Authority.

Sure Start children centres' aim is to improve outcomes for young children and their families, particularly those with the greatest need. They are a good place to promote local clubs and activities that they can signpost families towards.

Changes in funding have affected youth services. However, it is worth connecting with the local authority to ask if they have a Youth Service and/or Disability/Inclusion service within the youth team. Again, this could be another great way to deliver activities and market information on local inclusive clubs direct to young people together.

Careers advice services may have a department that directly supports disabled young people with education, training and independent living needs. Contact the council to find out who the provider of these services are. This is a good starting point to engage with young people aged 16 and over, who are beginning to look for new and exciting opportunities as their time in education reduces. The staff in these services need to know what's on offer locally. They can signpost and promote your activities to the young people who access their service.

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