



Local Offer

Under the Children & Families Act 2014, every Local Authority **must** publish a Local Offer for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities. In Somerset, this can be found at <https://choices.somerset.gov.uk>

<p>What is a Local Offer?</p> 	<p>The Local Offer provides information about provision across education, health, social care, private, voluntary and community sectors for children and young people who have special educational needs and/or a disability. It also provides advice and guidance about local approaches/processes to supporting children, young people and their families through a graduated pathway.</p>
<p>Why a Local Offer?</p> 	<p>The Local Offer is designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about available services and how to access them ➤ To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEND, their parents and service providers in its development and review <p>Development of the Local Offer is a two-way process. Services develop their own local offer detailing how they enable children and young people with SEND to access and use their services. In addition, users of services for children and young people with SEND can provide feedback to enhance the local offer, ie how to make provision more responsive to the needs and broaden access for children and young people.</p>