

**From 1 September, Stoke-on-Trent Parent Partnership Service became known as SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).  
Our website is now live at [www.sendiass-stoke.co.uk](http://www.sendiass-stoke.co.uk).**



Independent Supporters based within the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) have been visiting schools, academies, colleges and private education settings to promote this service and will be holding Drop In Sessions at Community Centres for parent/carers and young people in the very near future. Please see the flyer overleaf or check the SENDIASS website or Facebook pages for more details on these events.

If you need information and support on the new Education, Health and Care (EHC) Assessment and Plan, then please contact your local Independent Supporters on 01782 236414 or email [independent-supporters@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:independent-supporters@stoke.gov.uk) or contact Core Assets on 0800 028 8455 or email [ISReferrals@coreassets.com](mailto:ISReferrals@coreassets.com)

## Early Years - Children under 5

SEN support for children under 5 includes:

- a written progress check when your child is 2 years old
- a child health visitor carrying out a health check for your child if they're aged 2 to 3
- a written assessment in the summer term of your child's first year of primary school
- making reasonable adjustments for disabled children, e.g. providing aids like tactile signs.

Nurseries, playgroups and childminders registered with Ofsted follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework. The framework makes sure that there is support in place for children with SEND. The framework ensures standards are set out to ensure children are healthy and safe and that children have knowledge and skills to support their start at school. It is a statutory guidance for the following people:

- School leaders
- School staff
- Childcare providers
- Childminders

Talk to a doctor or health advisor if you think your child has SEND and they do not attend a nursery or playgroup, or are looked after by a childminder. They will tell you the support options available.

## Young Offenders

The wider changes to the SEND system provides why and how the system will change for children and young people with SEND in custody. Part of this new legal framework is introducing new requirements for supporting children and young people with SEND when they are detained in youth custody started from April 2015.

Who does this part of the legislation apply to?

- Children and young people aged 18 and under.
- Children and young people who have been sentenced or remanded by the Courts to relevant youth accommodation in England.
- Relevant youth accommodation is a Young Offender Institution, a Secure Training Centre or a Secure Children's Home.

Further information can be found either on our website or [www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news/january-june-2015/changes-to-support-for-young-offenders-with-sen](http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news/january-june-2015/changes-to-support-for-young-offenders-with-sen)

## Pathways to Employment

The SEND Code of Practice 0-25 years 2015 states that all young people should be helped to develop skills and experience, and achieve the qualifications they need, to succeed in their careers.

**Apprenticeships:** Paid jobs that incorporate training, leading to nationally recognised qualifications. Apprentices earn as they learn and gain practical skills in the workplace. Young people with EHC Plans can retain their plan when on an apprenticeship.

**Traineeships:** Education and training programmes with work experience, focused on giving young people the skills and experience they need to help them compete for an apprenticeship or other jobs. Traineeships last for a maximum of six months and include work preparation training, English and Maths (unless GCSE A\* -C standard has already been achieved) and a high quality work experience placement. They are currently **open to young people aged 16 to 24, including those with EHC Plans**. Young people with EHC Plans can retain their plan when undertaking a traineeship.

**Supported Internships:** These are structured study programmes for young people aged 16-24 with an EHC Plan who want to move into employment and need extra support to do so, delivered through Further Education Colleges, Sixth Forms in Academies, maintained/non-maintained schools, independent providers and other providers of study programmes. They are based primarily with an employer. Internships normally last for a year and include extended unpaid work placements of at least 6 months. Wherever possible, they support the young person to move into paid employment at the end of the programme. Students complete a personalised study programme which includes the chance to study for relevant substantial qualifications, if suitable, and English and Maths to an appropriate level. Young people with EHC Plans will retain their plan when undertaking a supported internship. (CoP 8.32)

### How are Supported Internships different to a Traineeship or Apprenticeship?

- Young people are expected to receive a higher level of support and to be offered workplace support in the form of a Job Coach, as well as support for their non-workplace learning
- Young people are expected to need a longer programme before they are ready to progress to an Apprenticeship or other suitable employment.

## Stoke-on-Trent Local Offer Survey

To ensure that our Local Offer meets the needs of users we would like to hear your views.

The survey can be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/63277GB>



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**Does your child have Special Educational Needs?**  
**Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?**

From 1st September 2014, Families have been able to access new Independent Supporters to help with Education, Health and Care Plan Assessments (EHC) and also transfer from Statements of Educational Needs to the new EHC Plan.

This new FREE service is based within the SEND Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS).

Would you like to know what is available to help your child at school?

Would you like more information on Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans?

Is your child due to Transfer from a Statement to an EHC Plan?

**We will be attending the**  
**SCOPE Face 2 Face - Preparing for Adulthood Support Group**  
The Mitchell Arts Centre, Broad Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 4HG.

**Monday 6th July 2015**  
from  
**10.00am - 12.00pm**  
For more details please contact Nicola on:  
**01782 236414**

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Parent Engagement Group in Stoke  
The Parent Engagement Group in Stoke-on-Trent is a voluntary group of parents who provide support and information to other parents of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN).

PEGIS

**Does your child have Special Educational Needs?**  
**Are you a young person with Special Educational Needs?**

PEGIS are now holding Drop In Sessions where parents are welcome to come along for a chat and receive support and information. A SEND, Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) Officer will be available to offer impartial and confidential 1 to 1 advice.

**The Drop In Sessions will be held from 10:00am - 2:00pm on:**

Wednesday 1st July 2015  
Friday 3rd July 2015  
Monday 6th July 2015  
Monday 13th July 2015  
Wednesday 15th July 2015

in  
**the Follwell Room**  
at  
**The Mount Education Support Centre,**  
Mount Avenue,  
Penkhull, ST4 7JU.

For more information please telephone **01782 234701**

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