

## Local Offer for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

**Local Offer:** this is a document or an online resource which gives information about services and support in the local area. The Local Offer brings together information for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It helps families of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities know where and how to get help to make things less difficult. Every local authority is responsible for writing and sharing a Local Offer. They must make sure it is available for everyone to see.

**Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:** this means a child or young person who has a learning difficulty or a disability. The child or young person needs special health and or education support to help them do well.

**Annual Report:** this means a report that is published once every year.

# Introduction



The Local Offer is a document or an online resource.

It gives information to **residents** about services and support that is available in the local area.

**Residents:** here, this means people living in Hammersmith and Fulham.



The Local Offer gives information about services and support for children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities.



When we say young people, we mean people who are 25 years old or younger.



The Local Offer talks about services and support that is available for their families too.



The Local Offer brings information together, including:

- Education, health, and providing care.
- Activities and clubs that people can enjoy.
- Jobs and how to prepare for adult life.
- Support with money and **travel care**.

**Travel care:** this means transport services which support people with learning difficulties or disabilities.



You can find out about support in Hammersmith and Fulham on the Family Hub website.

This website has been up and running since March 2024.



This website talks about support and services for all children and young people.



It also talks about support for young people with additional needs.



It also talks about specialist support for young people with higher levels of support needs.

The Family Hub website has information about:

- The Local Offer
- **The Family Information Service**
- **Family Hubs**



**Family Information Service:** Online information for parents, prospective parents and caregivers, including:

- Maternity
- Early years
- Help paying for childcare

**Family Hubs:** these are places in Hammersmith and Fulham that you can come to, to get help and support for you and your family. Stephen Wilshire Centre is a specialist Family Hub for SEND families.



You can go to the Family Hub website by clicking on this link:

[www.lbhf.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/familyhubs)

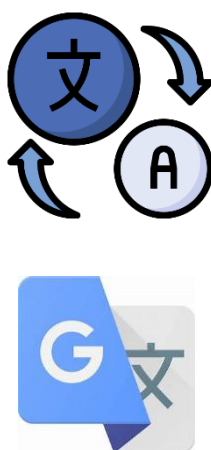


You can also access the website by scanning this QR code.

## Making the Local Offer Accessible

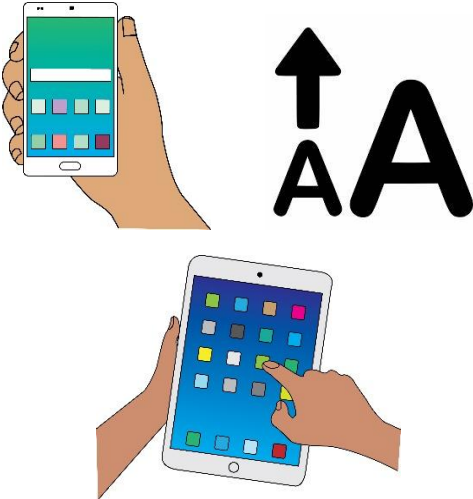


You can ask to access information about the Local Offer in different formats. You can use the Web feedback form to do this.



You can also read the Family Hub pages in another language.

Click on the Google Translate button to do this. This is at the bottom of each page.



You can also make changes to your phone, computer or tablet.

For example, you can:

- Make the text bigger
- Change the colour contrast
- Zoom in on the screen



You can find out more about how to do this by going to this address:

[www.lbhf.gov.uk/AbilityNet](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/AbilityNet)



You can also use voice control tools to use the website. These tools are free.



For example, you can use:

- Windows Speech Recognition
- Mac Voice Control



Some families might prefer to get in touch with our team directly.

You can email:

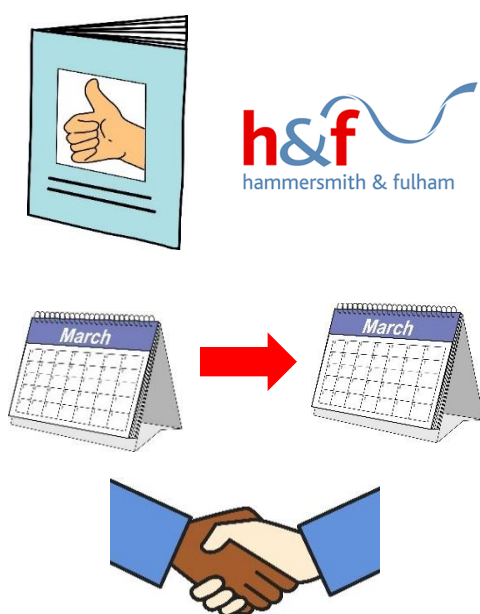
[local.offer@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:local.offer@lbhf.gov.uk)



# Local Offer Annual Report



**The SEND code of practice** says that all councils must publish an annual report. The report must talk about the Local Offer in their area.



The report talks about the Local Offer in Hammersmith and Fulham.

The work on the Local Offer is carried out in **co-production**.

**The SEND code of practice: 0- 25 years** is a government guidance which sets out the responsibilities of local authorities, schools and health organisations. It talks about steps that these groups must take to meet the needs of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

**Co-production:** this means working together in an active way. In this report, it means children and young people working together with families and decision-makers.



Hammersmith & Fulham (H&F) Local Offer is co-produced with:

- Parentsactive (H& F parent and carer forum) who help get the voice of parents and carers in SEND families get heard.
- The Youth Council: lead by young people, co-produce activities, services and opportunities for young people.
- Youth advocates
- Education and SEND services

**Advocate:** here, this means a person who speaks up about their rights or the rights of others.



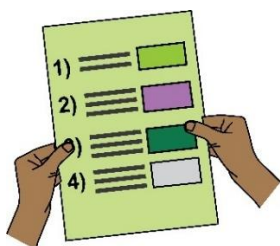


## These groups were also part of the coproduction:

- NHS Services
- The Carers Network: They provide practical and emotional support to help with a caring role
- H&F SEND Information and Advice Support Service: SENDIASS offers free confidential, accurate and impartial advice and support to families living in H&F with a child up to the age of 25 who has (SEND)
- Action on Disability: A disabled people led organisation managed and controlled by disabled people. To campaign for the rights of disabled people.
- Schools
- **Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators**
- Other groups

**Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator:** this means a teacher who is responsible for Special Educational Needs of children in a school.

## What do we put in the report?



### The report looks at:

- Insights, this means things we have learnt.
- Metrics, this means numbers that we can use to look at the progress we have made.
- Actions that we took to make the Local Offer better.
- The **outcomes** that we reached.
- The next steps that we planned.

**Outcomes:** this means the changes that happened because of our work.