



Information sharing about children under five with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

Health and education professionals working together to make sure your child has the right support to learn

Overview

Young children with **special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)** will often need some extra help and support at pre-school or nursery (known as Early Years settings), and when they start infant or primary school.

To make sure your child receives the right support, health and education professionals will work together and share information. This includes doctors, health visitors, speech and language therapists, and other professionals within the NHS and Norfolk County Council.

Why is it important that Norfolk County Council knows about your child?

Gathering early information about children with SEND means the council can:

- work with Early Years settings to make sure the right support is available for your child now
- make longer term plans to ensure the right services, support and funding are in place in mainstream schools for when your child is ready to start
- ensure there are enough special school places for children with the most complex needs.

How can sharing information help my child?

With this information, Norfolk County Council can:

- help you find a suitable Early Years setting for your child's needs
- make sure the Early Years setting receives funding and support for your child's needs
- make sure you have the information you need to choose the right infant or primary school.

Who we share your information with

In continuing to ensure that your child receives the right help and support it is essential for Norfolk County Council to share relevant information with the parties detailed in this leaflet. It is not necessary for you to provide consent for us to do this, it is part of the County Council and health care organisations legal responsibilities to share, ensuring that there is co-operation between all parties involved in your child's care. This forms part of the Health and County Councils public tasks, It is necessary to enable the support required. More information on the Councils and Health Care obligation is available on Norfolk County Councils website under SEND Privacy Notice.

If you would like to ask some questions or find out more information, you can talk to the health professional who gave you this leaflet or contact Norfolk SENDIASS (SEND Information, Advice and Support Service for impartial advice).

<https://www.norfolksendpartnershiass.org.uk>.

Further information

For more information visit the SEND Local Offer website at www.norfolk.gov.uk/send

