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The Leeds Local Offer for an inclusive child friendly city brings together in one place all the information on what services children and young people and their families with special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities can expect from a range of public agencies, including education, health and social care in Leeds.

How will the Leeds Local Offer make it easier to find information?

The Leeds Local Offer website uses a specialist search engine that will return both city wide and local Information about the support and services available in Leeds for children and young people from birth to 25 years. Users will be able to search using headings that reflect the 'journey of the child' from birth to young adulthood, such as early years, going to school or college and living independently.

Is the Leeds Local Offer finished?

It is expected that the Leeds Local Offer will grow and develop a lot over the next year, to include more information about the services available in both the private and voluntary sectors, for example from nurseries, charities, disability groups, leisure and social activities.

Where has this come from?

The Children and Families Act became law on 13 March 2014. The new Act changes some of the laws about services for children and young people with SEN and disabilities and their families. This includes a new law that requires all Local Authorities to publish a Local Offer as above. This will become a legal duty from September 2014. This is because in the past, families have reported that they find it difficult to find out about services and how to access them.

Who do I contact for more information?

If you would like advice and information about how to use the Leeds Local Offer please contact the Leeds SEND Information Advice Support Service (formerly Parent Partnership Service). The team can provide you with general information about services for SEN and disabilities and advise you on how best to access the site from a private or public computer or mobile device (phone or tablet). Leaflets and downloads can also be posted out to you. For expert advice on any of the services shown in the Leeds Local Offer please use the contact details that each specific website provides.

You can call the Helpline on 0113 3951200 or send an email to: sendiass@leeds.gov.uk