



# Leeds Local Offer

## SENSAP Team

### What does it do?

SENSAP administer the statutory assessment process for children with SEN and manage placements at specialist provision. Most children with SEN will attend their local mainstream school. Others may attend a specialist inclusive learning Centre (SILC). This could be full time, or part time in one of our mainstream secondary school, primary school or children's centre partnerships. Some mainstream schools have additional resources for children with hearing or visual difficulties or with speech and language difficulties. SENSAP provides support for children and young people with SEN from 0 -25 years of age.

The **Children and Families Act 2014** became law on the 13 March 2014. The Act aims to make education, health and social care services more 'joined up' for children and young people with complex needs and their families, so that they only have to 'tell their story once'. This will include changes to how children and young people with the most complex needs have their needs assessed and how plans are made to meet those needs.

Statements and Section 139a assessments will be replaced by the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) from September 2014. All current statements and S139a assessments will be converted to Education, Health and Care Plans by April 2018.

SENSAP has a duty to ensure that the provision described in a child's EHCP is being delivered and monitors progress against the agreed outcomes. If you have concerns around the progress your child is making or the provision they are receiving, the casework officer should be contacted. The casework officer will alert one of the SEN Monitoring and Quality Assurance Officers if further action is needed.

### Where is it

The SENSAP team are based at Adams Court. Casework officers work in teams and cover the three localities; West/North West, South and East/North East.

### Who is it for?

The SENSAP team work with professionals, settings, parents, carers, children and young people aged 0 -25 with special educational needs (SEN) and other local authorities.

### How can I get it?

Your child is most likely to be identified by their school or a professional as needing an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment. If the school decide that after they have worked with you and your child to meet your child's learning needs that they are unable to meet those needs without further support, they may request an Education Health and Care Needs Assessment.



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Any professional or the parents/carers can request an assessment, as well as a young person, once they reach the age of 16. We would recommend it comes from the school and expect the referral to come from a professional who has knowledge of the child and can provide evidence to support their request. An assessment will be carried out if your child has educational needs which are not normally available within a mainstream school (early years setting and post 16 setting), or where the LA will need to write an Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) as your child has complex needs.

### How accessible is it?

Your child will be allocated a casework officer who will arrange a home visits once an application for an EHC Needs Assessment is received. Our experienced team includes: casework officers; specialist transition advisors; casework team leaders; monitoring and quality assurance officers, funding for inclusion officers and administrators.

### Who do I contact for more information?

Contact us by:

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