Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Reforms

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Outline

• Oxfordshire’s Local Offer
• Information on ‘Moving into Adulthood’
• Guidance on post 16 education and supported employment
Extract for the SEN Code of Practice

The local offer has two key purposes:

• ‘To provide clear, comprehensive and accessible information about the provision available; and
• To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving children and young people with SEN, parents and carers, and service providers in its development and review’.
The challenge

• Covering the 0 – 25 age range, including education, health and care
• Categorising information to make sense
• Making the links
• Navigating the systems
• Producing new content and updating existing information
• Not focusing solely on the internet
• Use of social media, face to face contact, publications voluntary organisations, forums etc
The local offer for SEN and Disability (SEND) brings together information about education, health and care services for children and young people from 0 to 25 with SEND.

**Introduction**
What special educational needs and disability means and how to get the help that you need.

**Supporting children under 5**
Supporting young disabled children and those with special educational needs (SEN).

**Education and training**
Schools, further education and training, and how children and young people are supported to learn.

**Leisure and recreation**
Leisure, recreation and social activities and opportunities and how access and enjoy them safely.

**Support services**
Services to help children and young people with their learning, health and social care needs.

**Moving into adulthood**
Life beyond school for young people with special educational needs or disability.

**Information and advice**
Where to get information, advice and support about SEN and disability.

**Practical help**
Getting to school or college, help with travel and transport and information about money matters.

**Education Health Care Plans**
Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessment, how to apply for one and details of Personal Budgets.
Moving into adulthood

- **Young people taking decisions**
  Your rights about decision making and support to have your say.

- **Education and employment**
  Next steps in education, training or employment.

- **Independent living**
  Finding accommodation and help to live independently or with support.

- **Keeping healthy**
  Keeping healthy and avoiding health risks.

- **Being part of the community**
  Being social and having a say.

- **More information**
  Where to find more information and advice about moving into adulthood.
Keeping healthy

Keeping healthy and avoiding health risks.

Healthy and happy

It’s usual for young people to take more responsibility for their own health as they move into adulthood. The healthy and happy pages of our website for young people contain information for everyone about keeping healthy and avoiding health risks. There’s also help and advice about bullying.

From children’s to adult services

Young people with SEN or a disability may need extra support to keep themselves healthy as they become adult.

Young people with an Education Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan) and ongoing health needs will be involved in planning the move from children’s specialist services to adult health care. This is part of the planning for adulthood that happens at reviews from year 8 onwards.

From the age of 18 all young people with a learning disability are entitled to an annual health check.

My Life My Choice has awareness raising information about the annual health check and improving health for people with learning disabilities. Mencap has an easy read leaflet about health checks.
Young disabled people

Find out about support for young people with disabilities and special educational needs and information about how to stay Actively Disabled.

Special Educational Needs

Education, Health and Care Plans

Actively Disabled

Disabilities and Employment

Discrimination and Harassment

Oxfordshire's Disability Forum OYE!

Support for Parents

Bullying help

Support Finder

Events

- Abingdon NEET drop-in
  4 Nov 2014 - 10:00am

- Oxford 16+ Drop in
  4 Nov 2014 - 1:00pm

- Kidlington NEET drop in
  5 Nov 2014 - 11:00am

- Oxford 16+ Drop in
  4 Nov 2014 - 1:00pm

Help and contacts

- Register or update your details
- Live online web chat
- Comments and Complaints
- Updates and changes
- Worried about - Child Sexual Exploitation
- Worried about - Bullying
Living at home

If you are finding it difficult to manage, there may be ways to make your life easier and safer.

Download the new guide to Housing Options for adults with a physical disability in Oxfordshire (pdf format, 800KB).

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**Personal care**
Helping you with personal tasks such as washing, dressing, eating or going to the toilet.

**Equipment and adaptations**
If you have problems getting around your home, there is a range of equipment to help you.

**Home repairs**
Helping older and disabled home owners with repairs, adaptations and improvements.

**Keeping safe**
Ways that we can support you to maintain personal safety and security.

**Delivered meals**
We may be able to arrange frozen meals to those unable to prepare their own food.

**Keeping warm**
Helping yourself and vulnerable people to stay warm.

**Shopping deliveries**
If you are unable to do your own shopping, there is a telephone shopping delivery service available.

**Healthy eating**
Eating a varied and balanced diet is important for anyone.

**Day centres**
Daytime support and health and wellbeing centres provide a range of excellent services.
Finding an education or training provider

Most young people with special educational needs attend a mainstream college or training provider with other young people of the same age. More choices can be found on our education and training pages.

For disabled young people and those with special educational needs there are specialist courses and opportunities within and beyond Oxfordshire. Details can be found in our document Oxfordshire Directory of Training Providers 2014 (pdf format, 734Kb).

Learning, training and supported employment

Oxfordshire has produced a guide to help young people find out about the range of options available.

Are you thinking about going to college or looking for supported employment? (pdf format, 576Kb)

It includes information about colleges and work-based learning and training as well as explaining some of the things that it is useful to know about.

There are videos to show what the colleges are like.

Local Offer - Oxford City College
from Oxfordshire County Council

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Post 16 guidance

Are you thinking about going to college or looking for supported employment?

This guidance will tell you about:
- The range of post 16 choices in Oxfordshire and close by
- Where to get information, advice and guidance to make your choices
- What happens in the year before you start
- What it is like going to college and what colleges offer
- Other opportunities for learning and working

Feedback...
Synolos Training

Witney-based Synolos offers a wide range of training opportunities to those aged 12 to 24.

Synolos in Witney is a flexible training provider able to accommodate most learners.

Find out more at www.synolos.co.uk
Email barry@synolotraining.co.uk or info@synolotraining.co.uk or phone 01903 986616

Trax project

Trax young people's project offers mechanical and practical courses with motors and more

TRAX is a Motor project based in Oxford that works all over Oxfordshire. We provide a range of mechanical and practical based short courses for young people aged 13-21 of all levels of experience and need, no qualifications necessary.

As well as motor based work there is also a new Catering and Hospitality course and catering enterprise project offering outside catering service.

All of our courses include issue based group work, team building, social skills and 1-1 sessions. We run City & Guilds, AQA and Entry Level qualifications. BTEC Level 1 Catering & Hospitality.

To date we have worked with over 6,000 young people in Oxfordshire with many progressing into full time education and employment.

The Seeds of Change

Learn with horses at The Seeds of Change

Direction can be found in diversity! Be different. Try something new.

At The Seeds of Change you learn with horses! That's right; specially written personal development courses at the Oxford Central Riding School offering recognised City & Guilds qualifications. For many students, it's a chance to escape into a whole new world where they can learn and demonstrate necessary work skills out of the classroom through practical activity. Riding the horses isn't compulsory but the opportunity is there for you to explore, if you wish.

The Employability and Personal Development course provides you with experience in skills that employers want, such as good communication and teamwork. If you're familiar with horses and want a career working with animals or in farming, then the Equine Skills course could lead to further specialist training and employment. In order to develop life skills and confidence, The Seeds of Change offer an alternative path to success. There's a horse out there waiting to teach you.

KFES Need a Direction

KFES Need a Direction provide tailored courses for hard to reach young people

Engage, Educate, Employ... whatever your situation, KFES has an opportunity for you.

We will work with you to develop the skills, qualities and attributes you need to be successful in your choice of career or education. Working with us for two days a week you can choose your programme according to your needs. You can join our Bicester group on Mondays and Wednesdays or our Didcot group on Thursdays and Fridays.

We can work with you to improve your:

- English and Maths - we can work towards qualifications if you need to do that
- Employability skills - such as communication, interview technique, presentation, CV writing, job searching, etc.
- Enterprise skills - learning how to run your own business, we run small businesses in catering, bicycle maintenance and recycling which you can join and earn money
Send us feedback on **Keeping healthy**

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