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SSENDIAS is a service for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, age 0 to 25, and their parents or carers.



We provide information, advice and support around SEND issues at every stage of a child's education including related health and social care matters, from early years, into further education and preparation for adulthood.

These are the kind of things we can help you with

- Explain legal and statutory processes, including Education, Health and Care (EHC) Needs Assessments
- Explain national and local SEN policies and your rights and responsibilities around these
- Help to prepare for meetings such as; annual review, SEN review, disagreement resolution, GBDC's (Governing Body Disciplinary Committee)
- Support at meetings including disagreement resolution, mediation and tribunal appeals (subject to availability)
- Help with communication between you and other services such as the local authority, education setting
- Discuss what your options are and the pros and cons of each
- Advise on how and when to make a complaint
- Giving support and advice if your child is excluded
- Signposting to other relevant services
- Offer drop in SEN advice sessions
- Deliver training for parents, carers and young people
- Termly newsletter available on our website or by registering with SSENDIAS to receive a copy
- Signpost to local support groups, activities and benefits support

We take our referrals directly from children and young people or their parents/carers.

We provide support via telephone, email, at meetings virtually and some face to face.

We offer weekly information sessions on FAQ's such as SEN support in school, requesting a needs assessment and looking at a draft EHC Plan.

Our primary aim is to empower you with the information, advice and support you need to achieve the best possible outcomes.

