

New Special Educational Needs Code of Practice – Consultation Warwickshire’s Local Offer of Support

A consultation about Warwickshire’s Local Offer of support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) started on 1 September and runs for 12 weeks until 23 November.

The consultation will seek people’s views on how the education, health and social care needs of these youngsters aged from birth to 25 years old will be met by the council and key partner organisations.

The consultation is available online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask. Consultation meetings will also be taking place around the county:

- 1 October – Mancetter Memorial Hall, Old Farm Road, Mancetter, Atherstone, CV9 1QN
- 7 October – Stratford Arts House, 14 Rother Street, Stratford, CV37 6LU**
- 15 October – Nuneaton Town Hall, Coton Road, Nuneaton CV11 5AA
- 5 November – Benn Partnership Centre, Railway Terrace, Rugby, CV21 3HR
- 12 November – Warwick Racecourse, Hampton Street, Warwick, CV34 6HN

Each venue will host a morning meeting 10am – 12.30pm and an evening meeting 7pm – 9.30pm with drop-in sessions from 1pm to 5pm.

The Local Offer is an important part of the Children and Families Act 2014 which places new duties on all local authorities and their partners to improve and modernise SEND assessment and support.

The Warwickshire Local Offer has been developed following extensive work with parent groups and key partners who formed the SEND Reference Group. Working with parents and, where appropriate, the young people, the new joined up offer brings together information, advice and how to apply for services from education, health and social care support.

Information about Warwickshire’s Local Offer of SEND support is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send. The SEND website is very much work in progress and we expect to make changes following feedback from the consultation.