

SECTION 8 – INDEPENDENT SUPPORT

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The LA must provide parents and young people with free advice and support through the EHC needs assessment process. In Peterborough we have two services that provide this independent support:



SEND Partnership service

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This service also provides support and advice to parents/carers and young people who are not going through the assessment process including:

- impartial advice and information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- information, advice and provision on Independent Supporters
- help to parents/carers about their rights to make sure the educational needs of their child/young person are met
- help to parents/carers to work with schools, education, children's services, health and other professionals
- information to parents/carers about other support services and organisations
- help to parents/carers resolve disagreements.

SCOPE

Funded separately by the government as a voluntary service to support parents and young people through the assessment process.

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