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Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service



## **Advice for Professionals**

Phone: 0191 211 6255 Email: <u>sendiassadmin@newcastle.gov.uk</u> Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service offers impartial and confidential information, advice and support to parents, carers, children and young people about matters related to their or their child's special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Staff are trained and have accurate and up to date knowledge of

- Education, social care and health law relating to SEND
- National and local policy and practice in meeting SEND
- SEND processes including Tribunal

Support is tailored to the individual service user, with the aim to build on that individual's skills, knowledge and confidence to promote independence and self-advocacy.

The service is free for children, young people, parents and carers to use.

The service is confidential and impartial.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Can I refer a family to you?

A: No! We can only accept referrals directly from families, so please give them our contact details.

Q: What if the parent, young person or child finds it difficult to call?

A: Please sit down with the family member, call our number 0191 211 6255 and pass the phone over

Q: What if they would prefer to email initially?

A: They can email us at sendiassadmin@newcastle.gov.uk

Q: You provided support to the family at their Early Help meeting. Can we invite you to their next meeting?

A: No, only the family can invite us to attend.

Q:Can we discuss specific families with you?

A: No! Any professional is welcome to contact the service for general advice and information but we will not ask for or discuss any personal details.