

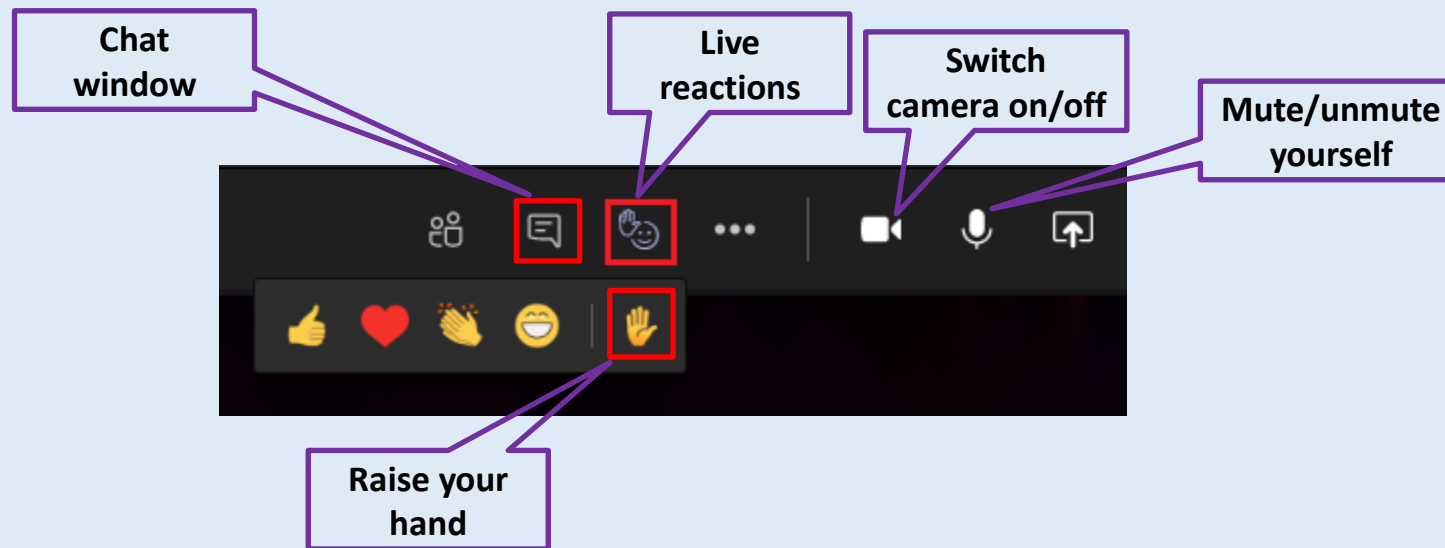
# Warwickshire SEND Local Offer

Parent Carer Webinar  
27<sup>th</sup> April 2022



# Welcome

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  - Please feel free to use the chat section to post questions
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- All questions, including those not covered in the time allowed, will be answered and posted on Warwickshire County Council's website along with a recording of the session and slides. We'll circulate details by email to all participants after the webinar



# Speakers

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# Outcomes

By the end of this webinar, we hope you will have a better understanding of:

- What the SEND Local Offer is
- Why we have a SEND Local Offer
- How it is created and stays up to date
- How to find the SEND Local Offer
- How to give feedback



# What is the SEND Local Offer?



# What is the SEND Local Offer?

- The Local Offer aims to bring together useful information across education, health and social care in one place
- The Local Offer should provide:
  - A range of local service providers who support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
  - Information, advice and guidance



# What does the SEND Local Offer do?

- Gives children, young people and their families information about what services are likely to be available in their area
- It is not a guarantee that a particular service will be available but should be a guide to what you can expect to find and how you can access it
- It needs to be available on the internet
- And the Local Authority must also say how people without internet can access the Local Offer
- It should not just be a list of services. It should give a broad range of information about the support available
- The information should be clear and easy to find





# Why do we have a SEND Local Offer?

Every local authority in England has a legal duty to publish a Local Offer.

A local authority in England must publish information about:

- a) the provision within subsection [\(2\)](#) it expects to be available in its area at the time of publication for children and young people who have special educational needs or a disability, and
- b) the provision within subsection [\(2\)](#) it expects to be available outside its area at that time for:
  - children and young people for whom it is responsible, and
  - children and young people in its area who have a disability

*Section 30 Children and Families Act 2014*



# The Local Offer has two key purposes

To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the available provision and how to access it.

*And*

To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and those with SEN and their parents, and disabled young people and those with SEN, and service providers in its development and review.

*(SEND Code of Practice section 4.2)*



# What should the SEND Local Offer contain?



## Education

- Maintained schools
- Academies
- Non maintained special schools
- Independent schools
- Section 41 schools
- Pupil Referral Units
- Colleges/Sixth forms
- Apprenticeships



## Social Care

- Eligibility
- Access criteria
- Transition to adult services
- Short breaks
- Childcare



## Information

- How SEN is identified
- What to expect from education 0-25
- Additional learning support available
- What support is available
- EHCP information



## Preparation for adulthood

- Education
- Work
- Housing
- Volunteering
- Care support
- Internet safety



## Health

- Personal Health
- Budgets
- Therapies
- Palliative Care
- Respite
- Emergency Care
- Wheelchair services



# Who is involved?



## Local Authority

The lead organisation who has the legal duty to publish the Local Offer.  
Need to coordinate with other bodies to create, maintain and review the local offer.

## Clinical Commissioning Group

Has a duty under the Children and Families Act to co-operate with the Local Authority to ensure all elements required are published on the Local Offer.

Must support the publication of what is available locally and the eligibility criteria to access it.



## Providers

Have a duty under the Children and Families Act to co-operate with the Local Authority and provide clear information on what they provide and how to access services.

## Families

There is a duty under the Children and Families Act to involve local children, young people with SEND and their families.



# Core principles of a Local Offer

## Collaborative:

- Local authorities must involve parents, children and young people in developing and reviewing the Local Offer.
- They must also co-operate with those providing services.

## Accessible:

- The published Local Offer should be easy to understand, factual and jargon free.
- It should be structured in a way that relates to young people's and parents' needs (for example by broad age group or type of special educational provision).
- It should be well signposted and well publicised.



# Core principles (continued)

## Comprehensive:

- Parents and young people should know what support is expected to be available across education, health and social care from age 0 to 25 and how to access it.
- The Local Offer must include eligibility criteria for services where relevant and make it clear where to go for information, advice and support, as well as how to make complaints about provision or appeal against decisions

## Up to date:

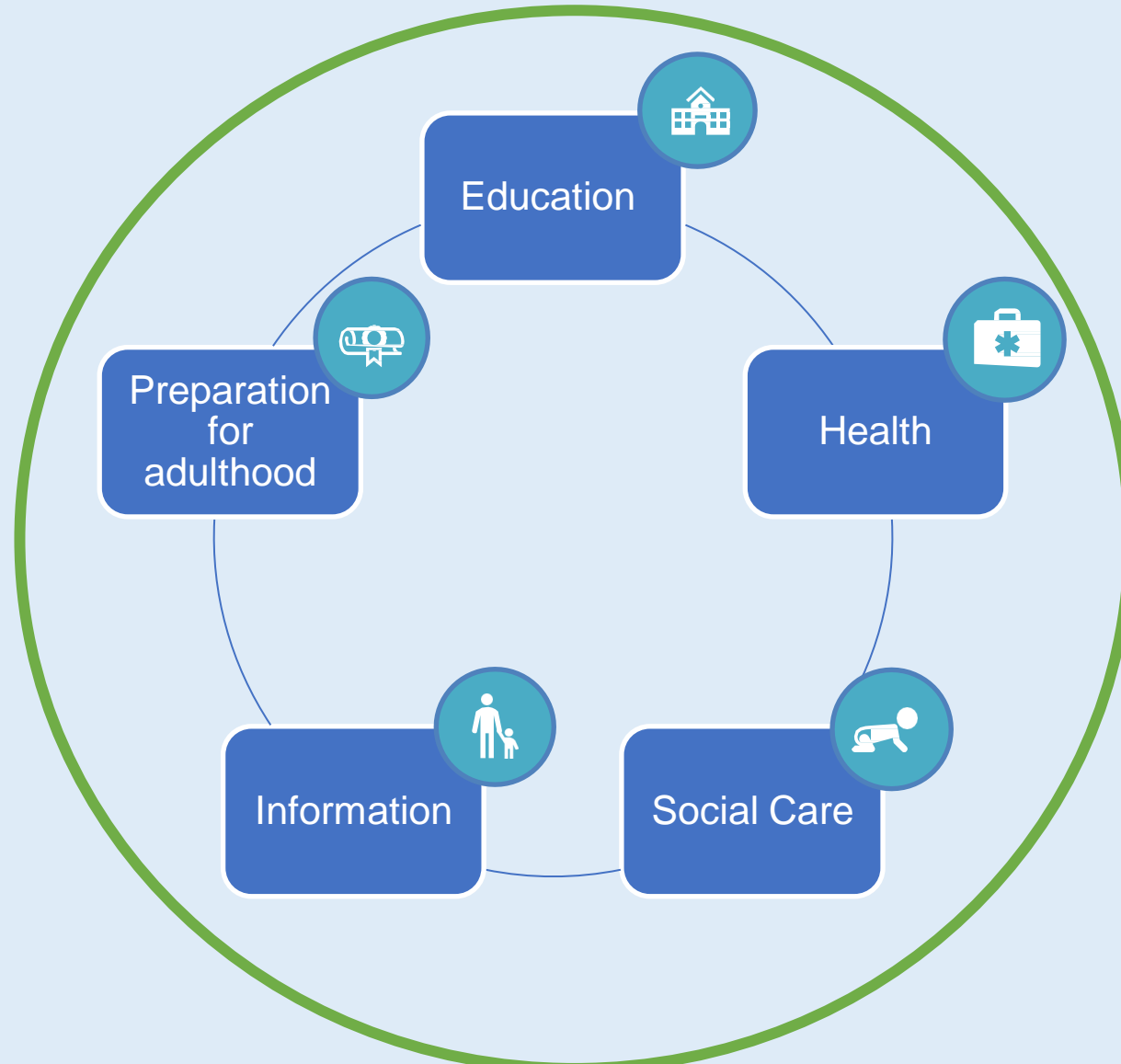
- When parents and young people access the Local Offer, it is important that the information is up to date

## Transparent:

- The Local Offer should be clear about how decisions are made and who is accountable and responsible for them



# The SEND Local Offer



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# Is it worth it?

- Help local families help themselves to find the support they need
- Families are well informed and supported
- Families having clear pathways, so they are not bounced around the system
- Reduce pressure on services, as clear criteria will help get the right support, to the right people, at the right time.
- Help identify gaps in service, and support commissioning
- Help to identify services which are not matching local needs





# What is the SEND Local Offer?



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# Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer

- Background to Warwickshire's SEND Local Offer
- Landing page
- Accessibility
- Feedback
- Comms, professional and parent/carer briefings
- Tour of pages
- Take away



# Thank-you for listening. Any questions?

Local offer webpages [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/send)

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