

Public Consultation on the Warwickshire County Council SEND & Inclusion Service Offer

This consultation seeks to clarify what the County Council offer of services is for children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND). The consultation focusses only on education services.

There are some things that the Council **must** do. These are statutory and legal requirements. This will be referred to as the **Statutory Offer**. These are not being consulted upon.

There are some things that the Council **should** do. These are not legally required but are worthwhile activities to ensure the system of support for children and young people with SEND works well. This will be referred to as the **Core Offer**.

The Council is consulting on the introducing the following new activities into the core offer of services.

Activity
1. Increased educational psychologists' sessions paid for by the County Council to early years settings, schools and colleges* to ensure we provide the right support at the right time
2. An Annual Planning Conversation with each school and college offered in the autumn term led by the educational psychologist to plan SEND priorities for the year, with a review in the summer term
3. A SEND Audit of each school and college's SEND provision offered at least every three years to identify particular areas of good practice and areas for improvement through a combination of self and external evaluation
4. Extend the offer of paid-for services for young people up to 25* for those with active EHC plans (specifically sensory services for Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Multi-Sensory Impairment and Physical Disability)
5. Transition support into Reception Year for those with SEND
6. Training in SEND & Inclusion for Early Career Teachers (ECT)
7. Provide Developmental Language Disorder Training

The Council is also consulting on the continuation of other activities as part of a core offer.

Finally, there are things that the Council **could** provide if other agencies (such as

schools) wish to pay for them. This will be referred to as the **Traded Offer**. The Council is consulting on these activities.

The County Council is not seeking to stop or reduce any current SEND & Inclusion Services.

We would like you to help us shape our service offer by providing your views on the County Council's proposals. Responses are invited from a range of partners and stakeholders to include parents and learners, Warwickshire County Council colleagues, health and social care professionals, schools, colleges, early years providers and parent and carer groups.

The consultation will inform the final decision about the service offer for children and young people with SEND. If approved the new service offer will be implemented from 1st September 2023.

The consultation has been extended and will now close on 12 March 2023.