



Leeds SENDIASS

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice Support Service

Who are SENDIASS?

SENDIASS stands for 'Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, Information, Advice, Support Service.'

All local authorities are legally required to provide a service that gives information, advice and support (IAS) to children and to young people, up to the age of 25 who have, or may have, special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and their parents and carers. Leeds SENDIASS provides this service.

The IAS that we provide is governed by SEND law and legislation such as:

- [The Children and Families Act](#)
- [The SEND CODE of Practice](#)
- [The SEND regulations](#)

We receive formal SEND legal training from the Independent Provider of Special Educational Advice (IPSEA).

What do we provide?

Our service is free, confidential, impartial and arm's length from the local authority. We provide information, advice and support on SEND topics such as:

- SEND law and legislation
- Local SEND policies and processes
- SEND support in schools
- Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments
- Education, Health and Care plans (EHCPs)
- Mediation and SEND Tribunal Appeals
- Resolving disagreements and complaints procedures
- Being involved in decision making and expressing views
- Where to find further information and support

How can you access our information?

Website: <https://sendiass.leeds.gov.uk/>

How can we be contacted?

Parent, carers, children and young people self-refer via the main telephone number: **0113 3785020**

This is a voicemail service. Please leave a message and we will aim to get back to you within five working days.

Use the 'Get in touch' button on our website:

<https://forms.leeds.gov.uk/SENDIASSGetInTouch>

Send us an email: leedssendiass@leeds.gov.uk



Calls to the service receive a consultation call back. During this consultation we will listen to your enquiry and provide information and advice on the available options and next steps, in line with the offer above.



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