

The website

In order to make our site easy to navigate and use, the information is grouped under these headings:

Care and support for families

Childcare, leisure and recreation

Education and learning

Health and wellbeing

SEN support services

Advice on becoming an adult

Transport

However, we welcome any and all feedback on your experience. If something isn't right, let us know and we will look into it. If we can improve it – we will.

To find more information about the Local Offer:

- Visit the West Berkshire Council website and type “Local Offer” in the search box
- Go directly to the Local Offer site on www.westberks.gov.uk/localoffer
- Call us on 01635 503100
- or scan the QR Code below



If you require this information in an alternative format or translation, please call 01635 551111 and ask for the Family Information Service (FIS).

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Information for children and young people with SEN and disabilities and their families about services available through West Berkshire's Local Offer

What is the Local Offer?

The purpose of the Local Offer is to put information about all the services for children with SEND and their families in one place. This will allow families to see what is available to them and how they can get access to services.

West Berkshire's Local Offer will give you information about:

- Care and support for families
- Childcare resources, activities and other recreational options
- Education and learning
- Health and wellbeing
- Support services available to children and young people with SEND
- Transition from childhood to adulthood
- Transport

The local offer will also provide information on requesting a service and which services you may be eligible to receive plus information, advice and guidance on a variety of topics, a signposting service and much more.

Who is it for?

The Local Offer is for children & young people (from birth to 25 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and those who support them.

Practitioners, professionals and organisations will also use this as a resource to support families they work with.

How will the Local Offer work for me?

Our Local Offer is designed to put all the information about services available across the local authority, the health service and the voluntary and private sectors in one place. This should give you and your family a clear idea of what is available to you. It will also give you the information you need to ask the right questions.

If your child is assessed as needing support, you will be able to co-write your support plan with the professional(s) supporting you. Having the information available in the Local Offer will allow you to:

- Identify services which may be able to support you
- Make informed decisions about what support you would like for your child
- Have information about educational institutions, activities and support in West Berkshire
- Have information about Health and Social Care Services
- Have information about personal budgets and direct payments

Our local offer is not just a directory – our aspiration is to make this your first stop for all information, advice and guidance for SEND.

How can I find out more?

The Local Offer is part of the Family Information Service (FIS) which is a resource for all people within West Berkshire. The FIS is there to help you with a wide range of information including Ofsted registered childcare, family services, leisure activities and much more.