

# SEND Weekly Newsletter

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## What is SEND? Starting at the beginning



### A young person's journey with us

Supporting children and young people with SEND involves Social Care, Health, Education and the local community. Their journey as they grow is dependent on: identifying needs and assessing; meeting needs and making provision and ENSURING GOOD OUTCOMES.

Welcome to our 'new look' SEND newsletter.

This replaces the monthly version and will be sent to everyone with an interest in SEND including parents, young people, teaching staff, care staff, social workers and health services.

So how is SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) defined in a person?

The SEND Code of Practice (2015) states:

“A child or young person has SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.” **So that's if:**

- He or she has a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age due to having special educational needs, or
- Has a disability which prevents or hinders him or her from using facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools or mainstream post-16 institutions”



# Refresh your training

Are you working with children and young people with SEND and their families? SCC has just refreshed and updated the SEND online modules on the [Learning Centre](#).

A key place to start is 'Introduction to the Special Needs and Disability (SEND) Reforms.

This is an introduction to the Special Educational Disability Reforms that came about as a result of the Children and Families Act 2014 and the Care Act 2014.



## It's your health check so make sure you use it

Young people with SEND are more likely to suffer with health problems.

Once they reach 14 they are eligible for an annual health check with their GP if they are on the GP's learning disability register.

If this applies to you and has not happened please contact your GP. To know more here's a [video by Kiah Durham](#). You can also paste this link into your browser [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wRIJ\\_3x8zc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wRIJ_3x8zc)

## More information...

If you work in our SEND services, you should be clear on your responsibilities.

Please read: [Somerset SEND Strategy 2016-2019](#)

[SEND Code of practice \(2015\)](#)

- Early Years – page 78-90
- Schools – page 91-109
- Further education - page 111-118
- Preparing for adulthood - page 120 – 140
- Electively home educated – page 208-243

And refresh your understanding of [The Equality Act \(2010\)](#)

