

'Ordinarily available provision' in the local offer EYSEND Partnership

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Ordinarily available provision

2.00	Welcome and introduction Philippa Stobbs, Council for Disabled Children		
	What is 'ordinarily available' provision, why is it important?		
2.30	Where are you now? What is in place in your local area? Groups		
2.45	Feedback		
3.00	Break		
3.10	Practicalities: process, content and style		
3.25	Key features to like		
	Groups		
3.40	Feedback		
3.55	Next steps		
4pm	Close		





'Ordinarily available provision' What is it? Why is it important?

Philippa Stobbs















The local offer

The Children and Families Act 2014 (CFA) requires local authorities (LAs) to publish a local offer.

This requires:

- the publication of a wide range of content
- significant engagement with parents, children, young people and service providers in developing the local offer
- feedback and review functions that hold the potential for improved matching of services to local needs.





One element of the local offer

One element:

 requirement on the LA to set out what special educational provision and special training provision it expects schools and early years and post-16 providers to make available.

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014 (SI1530)

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/1530/schedule/2/made





The special educational provision and training provision which the local authority expects to be available in its area for children and young people in its area who have SEN or a disability by—

- (a)providers of relevant early years education;
- (b)maintained schools, including provision made available in any separate unit;
- (c)Academies, including provision made available in any separate unit;
- (d)non-maintained special schools;
- (e)post-16 institutions;
- (f)institutions approved under section 41 of the Act;
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- (b) provision provided by special schools, special post-16 institutions, those approved under s.41;
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What the Code says

4.32 The local authority **must** set out in its Local Offer an authority-wide description of the special educational and training provision it expects to be available in its area [...] for children and young people in its area who have SEN or disabilities from providers of relevant early years education, maintained schools... post-16 providers. This includes information about the arrangements the local authority has for funding children and young people with SEN, including any agreements about how providers will use any budget that has been delegated to them.





A bit more about what the Code says

- 4.8 Local authorities **must** involve children with SEN or disabilities and their parents and young people with SEN or disabilities in:
- planning the content of the Local Offer
- deciding how to publish the Local Offer
- reviewing the Local Offer, including by enabling them to make comments about it
- 4.14 Local authorities and their partner bodies and agencies **must** co-operate with each other in the development and review of the Local Offer. This is essential so that the Local Offer provides a comprehensive, transparent and accessible picture of the range of services available.
- 4.16 The local authority should engage with the providers of relevant early years education, particularly those in receipt of early education funding.



Why this requirement is important

- Defines threshold for top-up funding, EHC needs assessment, EHC plan
- sets out how LA expects EY providers to use their budget
- evidence base for improving progress and outcomes
- greater clarity about what parents can expect settings to provide for their child
- transparency can improve parental confidence, working relationships between parents and schools, and parents and LA
- creates shared understanding that can lead to more appropriate requests for EHC needs assessment, plan



Analysis of how LAs have gone about it

- All referred to the four broad areas of need (Code, paras 6.28-6.35)
- Most referred to different ages or phases, some more finely differentiated than others
- 4 Strands of Action:
 - assess, plan, do, review
- 3 waves model of intervention
 - universal, targeted, specialist





Levels of need or range of provision?

 levels of need to qualify for an EHC needs assessment?

Some more focused on provision:

- has impact on learning and progress
- moving away from within-child descriptions of need
- available for any who need it
- provision and child's response to this, as evidence base for decisions?





Levels of detail?

- Some information extensive, very detailed
- Risk of telephone directories?
- Some long documents provided mix of information, tools and forms
- Reduce amount by organising by age-group
- Some shorter documents, accessible to all, with a range of supporting resources





Reference to Equality Act duties?

- reasonable adjustments
- LA accessibility strategies
- Code encourages SEN and disability read across

How accessible is it?

- Some easy to find, 2 clicks away
- Others, only accessible to those who knew what they were looking for





What's in a name?

What do you call it?

- What schools are expected to provide
- Ordinarily available provision
- Reasonable Expectations
- SEN support
- SEN descriptors
- Descriptors of provision





Evidence of engagement:

- Range of professionals and, in two cases, parents
- Importance of engagement to successful adoption of guidance

LAs spoke about:

- time and effort invested in engagement
- equally clear about the benefits of having done so





Guidance used in a range of ways to:

- inform schools, settings, services of LA's expectations
- inform those making decisions about EHC needs assessments and plans
- train staff in schools, settings, support services
- plan provision
- secure engagement with a range of agencies
- to improve, over time, the evidence base for different interventions





Impact

- Enables more informed conversations between parents/carers and professionals
- Focuses on inclusion and the graduated response getting it right for all children
- Enables more robust decision-making
- Greater consistency between schools/settings
- Clear expectations of what 'good' looks like
- Links to high needs block funding
- Has changed the conversation!



CDC Specialist action learning sets 2018-20

Supporting the development of 'ordinarily available provision'

- 5 local areas, support with a local action plan and development work
- Focus on OAP
- Taking stock of what's in place already
- Respective responsibilities, for special educational provision, of local authorities and settings
- Bring together LA SEN, LA EY, settings managers, health, parents
- Running a 'good enough' version for a year
- Getting the message out there
- No single approach







Breakout rooms















For discussion

Where are you now?
What is in place in your local area?
How is it working?







Feedback

















Screen break

















Practicalities: process, content and style















Examples of 'ordinarily available' provision

Examples and links

To note: All examples are included to support local areas in considering the benefits of different approaches and which approach is most likely to be appropriate in their own context. Whatever approach is adopted, it needs to be locally developed and locally owned through engagement with all relevant local partners.





Ordinarily Available Provision

Provision that the local authority expects to be made available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities



Information for professionals and parent/carers

Social, Emotional and Mental Health Difficulties

This provision should be in addition to the expectations in section one.

Approaches and Strategies

Settings should assess SEMH needs (link to tool) to help staff understand the barriers to learning that pupils face. Learning needs should also be reviewed using school's own screening or assessment tools or external advice to ensure that any SEMH needs or behavioural difficulties are not caused by an unmet learning need or communication difficulty.

- Use of whole school approaches to promote wellbeing and resilience
- A behaviour policy underpinned by a clear ethos and values
- Use of Restorative Approaches to build, maintain and repair relationships
- · Anti-bullying work
- Identification of key adult to build positive and trusting relationship
- · Use of social stories
- Small group or 1 to 1 work with ELSA / Learning Mentor or Equivalent
- Support available for staff working with pupils with SEMH via group or individual supervision or debrief sessions
- Emphasis on choice rather than control and "take up time" to respond to choice whenever possible
- Use of distraction techniques and giving responsibility
- Explicitly teaching de-escalation and selfmanagement strategies
- Use of PSHE, Circle time and curriculum approaches to explicitly teach rules and routines, build self-esteem and develop social and emotional skills to all leaners
- · Use of Nurture Groups
- Developing attachment aware strategies (training available from the Virtual School)

Resources, Advice and Consultation Available

- Use of Early Help Assessment
- Consultation with the MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)
- Services guide (embed)
- Education Psychology Team
- Behaviour Guide for parents (embed)
- Advice from MABS via schools contract or PSENSP
- Professional consultation with CAMHS Single Point of Access (SPA)
- Schools Nursing Service
- Advice from PCC attendance team when considering the use of part-time timetables, and virtual school or SEN team for LAC or learners with EHCPs.
- Local Networks:
 - Restorative Schools Network
 - Pastoral and Behaviour Strategic Leads
 - Lead links
 - Portsmouth's Nurture Group Network

Portsmouth:

https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Ordinarily-available-Provision-document.pdf

Identified barrier and/or need	Provision and/or strategies: approaches, adjustments and specific interventions expected to be made by settings according to the ages and stages of the learners
Difficulties following and accepting adult direction	 Look for patterns and triggers to identify what may be causing behaviours Positive scripts - Positive language to re-direct, reinforce expectations e.g use of others as role models Calming scripts to deescalate, including for example, use of sand timers for 'thinking time' Limited choices to engage and motivate Flexible and creative use of rewards and consequences e.g. 'catch them being good' sticker charts Visual timetable and use of visual cues i.e. sand timers to support sharing
Presenting as significantly unhappy or stressed	 Identify and build on preferred learning styles Safe place/quiet area in the setting Feedback is used to collaborate and plan with parent /carer, to ensure consistency between the home and setting Use of social stories to identify triggers and means of overcoming them
Patterns of non- attendance	Feedback is used to collaborate and plan with parent /carer, to ensure consistency between the home and setting

Sensory and/or Physical Needs

This provision should be in addition to the expectations in section one.

Approaches and Strategies	Resources, Advice and Consultation Available	
All staff are aware of individual students' sensory/ physical disability and implications in all teaching and learning environments Favourable seating arrangements are identified Staff are aware that for some pupils, a sensory or physical disability could impact on their language and social interaction Staff should encourage students to wear appropriate sensory equipment and use physical aids Staff should ensure that all students have understood all instructions	Education Psychology Team Sensory Impairment service Portage Occupational Therapy Service Children with Disabilities Team Physiotherapy Service Solent NHS Therapy Pack School Nursing Service PSENSP Rainbow Trust Simon Says	

Structured in 2 main sections

Section One: Expectations of all settings

This section outlines the expectations on all schools, according to the needs of the child / young person. Broadly speaking much of this section will be an integral part of the schools provision for all children. They outline some of the practices and adaptations that are part and parcel of quality first teaching. The provision

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	Expectations of all settings	Strategies
Assessment	A regular cycle of Assess, Plan, Do, Review is used to ensure that pupils with SEND are making progress.	Pupils' strengths and difficulties in learning and behaviour are observed and monitored in different settings and contexts for a short period of time to inform planning. Staff are aware of pupils' starting points so that expected progress can be measured across each key stage. Assessment is used to inform planning and interventions Consideration is given for individual pupils' developmental trends. Case studies are used to demonstrate holistic progress.
	Practitioners ensure that formative assessment and feedback are a feature of lessons and evident in marking and assessment policy.	A wide range of assessment strategies and tools are used to ensure a thorough understanding of leaners. Learners have regular opportunities to evaluate their own performance. Self-assessment is routinely used to set individual targets. The impact of interventions is critically evaluated. Alternative approaches are explored to establish whether they may result in better outcomes for the learners.
	Expertise is in place to manage reasonable examination arrangements (access arrangements) for tests and national tests and public examinations.	Settings make adaptions to assessment arrangements as part of their everyday practice. This is used to establish the leaners normal way of working. Please refer to the relevant exam board guidelines. Arrangements could include: Rest breaks Use of a reader / Scribe / laptop Extra time Adapted resources are used in class and assessments.

Section Two: Support for broad areas of need

We have separated this section by the four areas of need set out in the Code of Practice.

Many learners may have needs across more than one category and certain conditions may not fall neatly into one area of need. When reviewing and managing special educational provision the four broad areas of need may be helpful as a guide to ensure you can provide support across these areas.

Communication and Interaction

This provision should be in addition to the expectations in section one

Approaches and Strategie	s	Resources, Advice and Consultation Available			
Whole school awareness communication and inter. Pupils will access strateg typically available in the o an emphasis on visual tealearning and social activitations activities and structured teaching migh. Staff are skilled in adjustir of activities to maintain in	action needs ies and resources rdinary classroom, with aching aids to support ties ferentiated by level/ grouping. Aspects of t be helpful ng the pace and order	Education Psychology Team Speech and Language Therapy Service Solent Therapies Pack (link) Autism Liaison and Support Officer (contact details) CAMHS—SPA MABS (via PSENSP)			
Identified barrier and/or need		egies: approaches, adjustments and specific d to be made by settings according to the ages ners			
Difficulties saying what	Modelling language				

Difficulties saying what they want to and being understood

- Small group or individual language sessions
- Language programme devised by a SALT or via use of Solent Therapies Pack
- · Allow time for child to process and respond (10 second rule)
- Introduce a variety of language through rhymes, songs
- All attempts to speak are supported
- Providing an additional method of communicating e.g. use of ICT, symbol communication (e.g. Makaton, PECS)

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Ordinarily
Available
Provision in
the Early Years
in Leicester
City

Section 1: High quality teaching

Strategies to support all children are suggested within each of the following 4 areas:

- A unique child
- ▶ Environment
- Teaching and Learning
- Positive Relationships

Section 2: SEND Support

- ► Through the assessment process some children will be identified who have a learning difficulty and need special educational provision. SEND support describes the arrangements that are additional to and different from the high-quality teaching that is already provided, and should be in addition to the expectations in section 1.
- ► This section divided into the 4 areas of need described in the SEND Code of practice:
- Communication and Interaction
- Cognition and Learning
- Social, emotional and mental health
- Sensory and/or Physical, including medical needs

Cognition and Learning examples

What it might look like

The child may present with delays in all areas of the EYFS including understanding, thinking, problem solving and retaining information, concepts and skills as well as difficulties in:

Attention and listening
Understanding
Speaking
Self-help skills
Making links between different areas of learning and generalising to everyday experience
Visual, practical and physical learning
Early literacy and writing skills
Early mathematical skills
Sensory processing

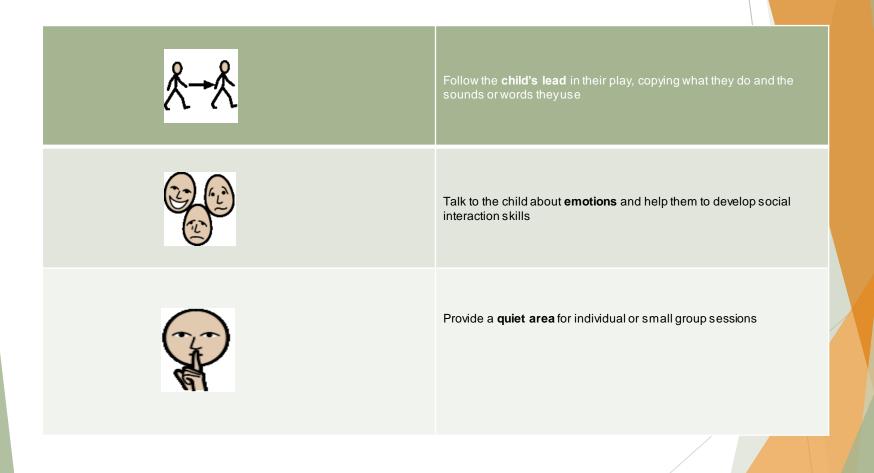
Strategies to support

Use a small steps approach; rather than expect the child to complete the whole activity, break it down into smaller parts and teach each part of the activity and practice it before moving on to the next part

Use evidence-based programmes and resources e.g. 'See and Learn' approach Down Syndrome Education

Offer increased opportunities for pre-teaching, overlearning, reinforcing and generalising skills e.g. provision of extra adult support to help prepare the child for what is going to happen next or to repeat an activity

Easy read version



Early Years SEN Support Inclusion Toolkit

Our vision, working together for a brighter future: A Better Barnsley... An Inclusive Barnsley





What we might see

Weaknesses in expressive language
Difficulty expressing needs, thoughts and ideas

What we can do

Consider accessing SALT Phonology (speech sound training) course. Link to Barnsley SALT.

Use the match and stretch approach to modelling language back to children.

If a child says car clearly then model this back and add a word e.g. fast car, driving car, blue car, big car. If the child says a word and it is not clear then simply model this word back. Paraphrase and extend one or two word responses into longer phrases or sentences.

If child interested and attending to what adult is doing, practitioners can engage in 'self-talk' to provide a commentary on their actions which they are engaged in with the child. It is important to keep language simple and at an appropriate pace when using commentary, For example, 'Putting the banana on the plate, chopping the banana'.

Avoid asking children lots of questions. Instead comment on what the child is doing, use simple language. For example, if the child is playing in the sand say 'digging the sand, filling the bucket, pat the bucket, look a sandcastle.

Repetition is important. Copying back and interpreting what a child communicates helps them to know you are listening and will help to encourage them to continue to communicate with other people.

Modelling language enables children to hear language used in a meaningful context in preparation for rehearsing and using it themselves. Much of this is what practitioners and parents will do naturally to encourage children's language learning. It is important to model different types of language. For example, object words (car, ball) action words (driving, catching), descriptive language (big, fast, smooth), place words (in, under).

Model words and sentences back if the child makes an error. For example if the child says 'I goed to the park' the practitioner says 'You went to the park' Do not correct children or make them say the sentence again as this will impact on their confidence and may mean they are reluctant to speak.

Recent approaches

Note: simple description, no conditions, diagnosis etc

What we might see	What we can do
Weaknesses in expressive language	Use the match and stretch approach to modelling language back to children.
Difficulty developing early phonological awarenessit's not re	Have objects that rhyme on the floor. Children take turns to select and say items that rhyme

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Excerpts from Barnsley's: Early Years SEN Support Inclusion Toolkit

Manchester Local Offer

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for children and young people with
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

A Guide for
Early Years Providers
in Manchester

FINAL DRAFT

Rochdale Early Years Ordinarily Available Provision

Communication and Interaction Communication and Language – Listening, Attention and Understanding, Speaking

From birth we are social beings, ready to communicate. The way we communicate relies on verbal and non-verbal expressions; children learn to communicate in various ways and at different rates. The adult's role is to scaffold the child's development and provide a means, reason and opportunity; communication needs to be purposeful and unique to each individual child. Early identification and intervention are essential to a child's language development and have a positive impact on their future outcomes.

Where they are now	What's next	What we should do
They communicate their needs for example cry	Turning their head towards sounds including	Use every day sounds, words and phrases to
when they are hungry or in discomfort and	familiar voices.	describe actions and interests. Exaggerated facial
vocalise when relaxed.	Reacting to the sound of approaching voices, footsteps and other familiar sounds. Responding to interactions with adults looking, smiling and moving. Vocalising back when talked to especially with familiar adults.	expression and gestures encourage them to look at your face and listen to your voice. Leave pauses to allow time and space for them to respond. Imitate back sounds or actions they may make. Is objects of reference to support understanding and anticipation of familiar routines. Think about background noise – is music being played purposeful.
Where they are now	What's next	What we should do
They use sounds and gestures to gain attention and understand words they hear frequently said with an action for example "bye bye" with a	Responding to their name when called by a familial adult.	Use gentle touch when saying their name to gain their attention.

Possible framework:

- 1. Pre-amble: key features of this area of need
- 2. Section on provision:
 - What we observe
 - What we do
- 3. Resources and sources of advice and support



Breakout rooms















For discussion

Key features to like?

Particular benefits of different features







Feedback

















Next steps















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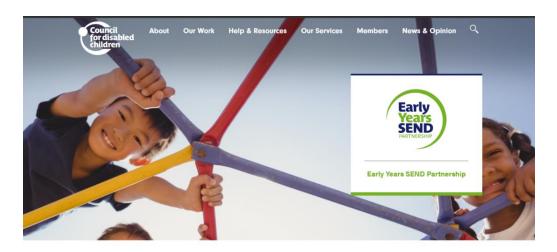


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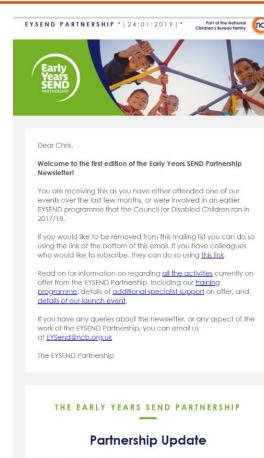
The Council for Disabled Children is working with four partners and five English regions to provide significant support on SEN and disability to early years settings and local authorities. CDC is delighted to...

















Examples of 'ordinarily available' provision

To note: these are presented as examples, not models, to help local areas consider the benefits of different approaches:

Portsmouth: https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Ordinarily-available-Provision-document.pdf

Barnet: https://www.barnetlocaloffer.org.uk/documents/664-ordinarily-available-support-from-schools.pdf

Gloucestershire:

https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/gloucs/glosfamilies/files/gloucestershire guidance for practitioners working with children and young people 2nd ed.pdf

Manchester: a guide for early years providers:

http://manchesterparentcarerforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Manchester-Ordinarily-Available-Provision-for-Early-Years-Final-Working-Draft-June-2020.pdf

Oxfordshire: Foundation Years and Primary on this link:

https://www2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/sites/default/files/folders/documents/childreneducationandfamilies/educationandlearning/specialeducationalneeds/SEND/CompilationFoundationYearsandPrimary.pdf



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