

Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Impact Report 2024 to 2025



This report shows the work we have done this year.

These organisations have worked together to support families.



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Our Vision and Values

What we want to achieve and what matters to us



We want children and young people with SEND to have the same opportunities as everyone else.



We will make sure children's needs are noticed as soon as possible.



We will think about children and families with SEND when planning all our services.

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We will make sure people can get help quickly.



We want to make changes as easy as possible.



We will spend money in the best way we can.

What we are proud of



Ofsted is a group who checks how well councils are helping children and families.



Children's Services were inspected by Ofsted and judged Outstanding.

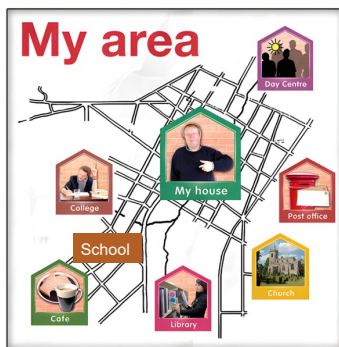


The SEND Team were found to still be supporting people well.

Schools



We want to children to feel part of their school and their local area.



We want children to go to school close to their home.



This year schools have received lots of training.



Government money has been used to open more inclusion hubs in schools.



An inclusion hub helps children with communication or social emotional and mental health needs.



Special schools work closer with mainstream schools.



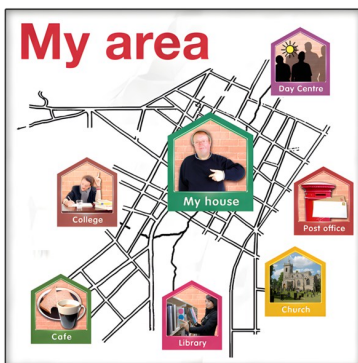
More children are in school more often.



Teachers feel more confident.



More children are getting help sooner.



More children can go to a school near their home.

Planning for the future



The 'Birth to Settled Adulthood' team help people from age 0 to 25.



Planning for adulthood starts at age 14.



More people are getting more help after 18.



Children leaving care now get a Personal Advisor at age 16.



This is a person who gets to know them and helps them plan for the future.



Children are being given equipment and having changes made to their homes.

Short Breaks



Hayeswood Bungalow has been opened for **short breaks**.



Short Breaks are where people spend time away from their Families.



Children and young people say they enjoy their time at Hayeswood Bungalow.

SENDIASS

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SENDIASS is the free Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice & Support Service.



Last year SENDIASS helped 1302 people.



9 in every 10 people were happy with the help they got.



People said they felt listened to and understood.

Family Hubs



Family hubs are buildings where people can go to get help and advice for their family.



Families can see workers and attend groups.



People can meet others who live nearby.



Family hubs in Dorset are chosen to be in the places that need them most.



There is a new free parenting app called EasyPeasy.



865 families have signed up for tips and activities.

Get it here



easypeasyapp.com/dorset

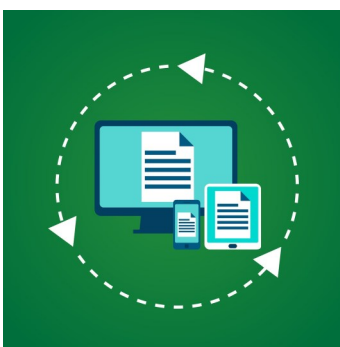
Health



We have been working with the NHS and families to make it easier for children and young people to go to annual health checks.

School Holidays						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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There are more appointments in the school holidays.



Health and SEND Workers can now share information more easily.



Work is being done to make mental health support better .

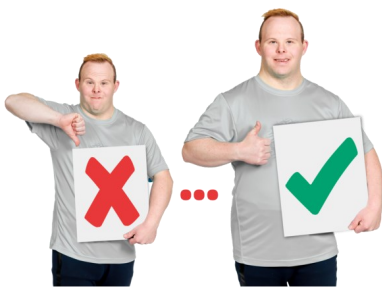
Complaints



We have listened to complaints about not being able to speak to SEND workers.



A new phone appointment system has been tried in some areas.



People say they are able to get advice more quickly.



Families in more areas will now be able to get help this way.

Lets Talk SEND



Lets Talk Send is an online information event for families.



Over 200 questions have been answered.



A week of face to face events was also held.



Families say they have found these events open and honest.



We have set up a new group called The Unstoppables.



Young people with SEND help decide things and check that professionals do what they promised.



We want to keep listening and make things better every year.