

Factsheet 1

Introduction

On 1 September 2014 substantial changes were introduced to the Special Educational Needs system in England. The government reforms aim to improve outcomes and put parent's, children's and young people's views at the centre of the process. If your child already has a 'statement', you may not have noticed any real difference yet. However, you should be aware that at some stage within the next three years or so, the statement will be replaced by an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan.

This pack has been designed not only for parents of children with 'statements' but for all parents who have concerns about their child's (or children's) speech and language development. It is intended to provide you with basic guidance through the new SEND reforms, tell you more about speech, language and communication needs, and where to go for additional help, advice and information.

About Afasic

Afasic is the UK charity representing children and young people with speech, language and communication needs, working for their inclusion in society and supporting their parents and carers.

Afasic was founded in 1968 as a parent led organisation. Today Afasic is recognised as an authority in its field and works in partnership with a range of other organisations and agencies.

Afasic provides:

- information sheets, newsletters and other publications
- a local support network
- website information
- a telephone and email helpline service
- training and conferences
- expertise in developing good practice

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