

Useful Information

Middlesbrough IASS

<http://www.iassnetwork.org.uk/find-your-iass/north-east/middlesbrough/>

Middlesbrough Local Offer

<http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/middlesbrough/fsd/home.page>

Northumberland IASS

<http://www.iassnetwork.org.uk/find-your-iass/north-east/northumberland/>

Northumberland Local Offer

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=17353>

Redcar & Cleveland IASS

<http://www.iassnetwork.org.uk/find-your-iass/north-east/redcar-and-cleveland/>

Redcar & Cleveland Local Offer

<http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/rcbcweb.nsf/web+full+list/4a7154dce2d0b58880257d460041dc41>

Stockton IASS

<http://www.iassnetwork.org.uk/find-your-iass/north-east/stockton-on-tees/>

Stockton Local Offer

<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/childrenwithdisabilities/>

SEND Code of Practice

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25>

SEND Easy Read Guide

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/end-support-easy-read-guide-for-parents>



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**Who are
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&
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Who are Aspire Personalised Care Solutions (PCS)?

Welcome to Aspire Personalised Care Solutions (PCS) Independent Support Service.

Aspire Personalised Care Solutions (PCS) has been commissioned by the Council for Disabled Children to deliver Independent Support to young people and their families in partnership with Local Authorities, local Information Advice and Support Services (IASS), previously known as Parent Partnership Services (PPS) and Parent Carer Forums (PCF).

What is Independent Support?

The Children and Families Act 2014 has introduced new laws for children and young people who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). From 1st September 2014, these new laws will be used to reform and build a new SEND system.

Under the new laws, Local Authorities have a duty to replace statements of Special Educational Need (SEN) with a new Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan and publicise a Local Offer of the services and activities that are available to parents, carers and young people. The new law also provides the option

for children and young people who have an EHC plan, to request a personal budget and there are new mediation arrangements in place.

Independent Supporters within each local authority will assist parents and young people through the new EHC planning process. As one of these Independent Supporters we will be working with families and young people in the North East local authority areas of Northumberland, Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland to progress through the new SEND assessment and planning process.

How can Independent Support help me?

An Independent Supporter can:

- Act as a named contact through the EHC assessment and planning process.
- Focus on the main task of helping you to transfer a statement of SEN to an EHC plan.
- Work with you if you are new to the EHC referral process or you have had a Learning Disability Assessment (LDA) under the old system.
- Liaise with a range of local services and help you to gather the information that is required for and EHC plan.



How will Independent Support be provided by Aspire Personalised Care Solutions?

We will offer families help and support to progress through the EHC assessment and planning process including:

- Dedicated access to a Referral and Data Officer who will ensure you receive the type of support you need.
- Face to face support as requested from a trained Independent Supporter who is independent of the Local Authority. Meetings will be held at a time and place to suit you.
- Email support – email enquiries@aspirepcs.com
- A dedicated website providing information, signposting and resource links including to what your local authority has to offer you, www.aspirepcs.com
- Outreach information and support points in your community with open access/drop in' events and activities.

How do I request an Independent Supporter?

Referrals and enquires can be made from parents and young people direct as well as through local authorities, information advice and support services and parent carer forums (please see useful information overleaf).