Section 1

The South Glos Way of Doing Things



## 1.11 South Glos Local Offer

## What is the South Gloucestershire Local Offer and where do I find it?

The Council has to publish an outline of their services and provision. This is called the Local Offer for children and young people with SEN and disability. Every local authority must make this available on their website. All local authorities have a statutory duty to develop and publish a Local Offer.

The purpose of the SEND local offer is to provide information in one place, offering ongoing support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families across South Gloucestershire. The SEND local offer describes what help, support and services are available in the local area. The SEND local offer website includes information on services and support from South Gloucestershire Council, its partners and community and voluntary groups across education, health and social care.

The Local Offer has two key purposes:

- To provide clear, comprehensive, accessible and up-to-date information about the available provision and how to access it; and
- To make provision more responsive to local needs and aspirations by directly involving disabled children and those with SEN, their parents and service providers in its development and review.

Local authorities and their partner bodies and agencies, including schools, must cooperate with each other in the on-going review of the Local Offer. South Gloucestershire Council have published their Local Offer and it is available <u>here</u>.