

## **Independent Support resources**

Useful links to resources, publications and tools to help independent supporters in their role

### **A Step-by-Step Guide to EHC plans**

CDC have produced a step-by-step guide to Education Health and Care plans designed to support the completion of person-centred, legally compliant EHC plans.

[https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/send\\_reforms\\_guide-to-ehc-plans\\_2014-1.pdf](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/send_reforms_guide-to-ehc-plans_2014-1.pdf)

### **Education, Health and Care plans examples of good practice**

This resource has been produced to help practitioners write good quality EHC plans that meet both the letter and the spirit of the Children and Families Act 2014.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/EHCP%20Examples%20Guide%202017.pdf>

### **Annual Reviews**

The following factsheet and guidance notes are intended to inform and support the Annual Review process. Those who have an Education, Health and Social Care plan are entitled to an Annual Review at least annually.

#### **Annual Review Factsheet**

This factsheet aims to provide an overview of the key duties which apply to Local Authorities, schools and education providers as set out in the Children & Families Act 2014.

[https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent\\_support/ARfactsheets.general.cleancopy.FINAL.pdf](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent_support/ARfactsheets.general.cleancopy.FINAL.pdf)

#### **Annual Review Timeline**

This guidance sets out the timetable for Annual Reviews in 5 steps.

[https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent\\_support/ARTimetable.cleancopy.final.pdf](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent_support/ARTimetable.cleancopy.final.pdf)

#### **Annual Review guidance for Independent Supporters**

Guidance for Independent Supporters who are supporting parents/young people with Annual Reviews of EHCPs.

[https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent\\_support/ARguidanceforindependentsupporters.cleancopyupdate.pdf](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent_support/ARguidanceforindependentsupporters.cleancopyupdate.pdf)

#### **Person Centred Planning meeting guidance for Independent Supporters**

Independent Supporters may be asked by a parent or a young person to attend a Person Centred Planning meeting.

[https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent\\_support/AR.Personcentredplanningmeetings.fINAL.pdf](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/uploads/documents/independent_support/AR.Personcentredplanningmeetings.fINAL.pdf)

### **Real Stories 'from the ground'**

Since Independent Support began in September 2014 we've been collecting personal accounts from just a few of the young people and parent carers who've used the service. They describe how Independent Support has helped them to think about the future, formulate plans for how to reach those goals, and - just as importantly - what the experience was in light of the support they received.

Read our inspirational stories.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/independent-support/introducing-independent-support/real-stories-ground>

### **Independent Support Factsheets**

Independent Support have produced a series of fact sheets as part of the training provided to Independent Supporters

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/independent-support/resources/independent-support-fact-sheet-1introduction>

### **Independent Support Template Letters**

Independent Support have created a series of template letters to assist professionals and families in writing letters to address issues they maybe be experiencing.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/independent-support/resources/independent-support-template-letters>

### **Independent Support e-learning**

Independent Support provide a suite of training to support local service providers and Information, Advice and Support Services, under contract to deliver Independent Support. This includes dedicated accredited training for staff recruited as Independent Supporters as well as useful materials and templates to help them in their important role.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/learning/sections/independent-support/independent-support>

### **Find your Independent Supporter**

Our role is to ensure that there is an Independent Support service on offer to families and young people in every local authority area across England. You can find out who delivers Independent Support in your local area by using our helpful map here.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/independent-support/where-find-my-independent-support-provider>

### **Guidance to Parent Carers**

The Independent Support team at CDC have produced a slide pack for parents to help explain what the programme aims to achieve, how it will provide support and where they should go to find their local provider.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/independent-support/resources/guidance-parent-carers-independent-support>

### **Your Rights, Your Future Toolkit**

An interactive training session designed for any practitioner working with children and young people on the SEND reforms.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/making-ourselves-heard/resources/your-rights-your-future-toolkit>

### **Independent Support Evaluation Report 2016**

The Department for Education and the Council for Disabled Children commissioned the National Development Team for inclusion (NDTi) to carry out an independent evaluation of the Independent Support programme. The report highlighted a number of key findings.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/IS%20report%202016.pdf>

### **Independent Support – a Linear Report**

This report provides a detailed overview of the evidence and build phase with a particular focus on how local partnerships were successfully established to help develop strong working relationships between local services, local authorities and families.

<https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachemnt/is-report-05-10-15-final.pdf>

### **Children with learning disabilities whose behaviours challenge**

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF) brought a group of academic experts together to consider the available evidence and data on children with learning disabilities and behaviour described as challenging. <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/briefing-paper-children-learning-disabilities-whose-behaviours-challenge>