

SEND: Our Priorities 2023-2026



Gateshead's plan for helping people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families.

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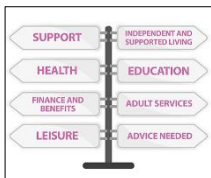
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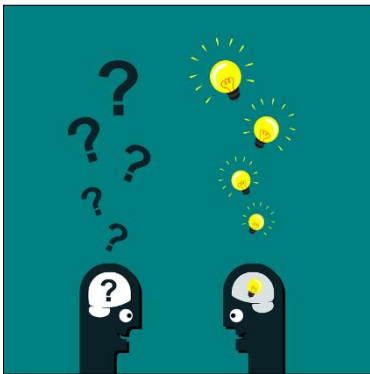
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About This Strategy



SEND stands for **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**.



A **strategy** is a plan for making something happen.



This **SEND Strategy** is for children, young people and families across Gateshead so that they can understand what our plans are.



It is also for professionals who work with people with SEND in Gateshead.

Our Vision



A '**Vision**' is a target for the future.



Our vision is for everyone with SEND to get the right help and support. We want people to believe in themselves and be happy.



We want people to feel positive about their future.



We think it's important to ask the people and families who use our services what they think about them.

Our Priorities



A '**Priority**' is something which we think is very important.

We want to make Gateshead a place where **everybody thrives**.



For children and young people with SEND we have come up with **four priorities** to try to make this happen.



Our Priorities are:

- 1.** To make sure that everybody understands how to get the right help and support at the right time.
- 2.** To listen to your opinions and use what you say to make things better.



- 3.** For everyone to work together to make sure you get the right help and support, and to keep you safe.
- 4.** To make sure that you are well prepared and feel happy about your future.

Priority 1



We want to make sure that everybody understands how to get the right help and support at the right time.



This means that you won't have to wait a long time to get the help you need.



It means that the right people will help you when you need it.



It means that everybody who helps you will know what you need and will take responsibility.

Priority 2



We want to listen to your opinions and use what you say to make things better.



This means that all children, young people and families are heard and feel safe.



It means that everybody knows what help is available to them and who to contact to make improvements.



It means that you feel respected and valued in your community.

Priority 3



We want everyone to work together to make sure you get the right help and support, and to keep you safe.



This means that teams will work together to try to help you as early as possible.

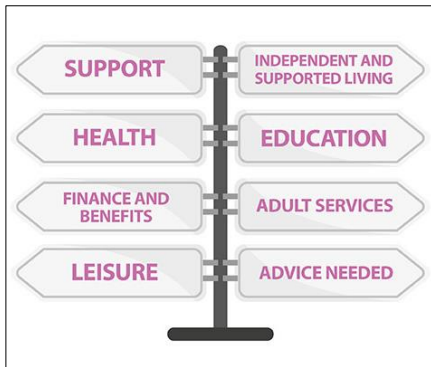


It means that families and professionals will understand what help is available and how to access it.



It means that we will try to make sure that the help you get is as good as it can be.

Priority 4



We want to make sure that you are well prepared and feel happy about your future.



This means that you know what to do to achieve your goals and who can help you.



It means that you feel happy, valued and included in making important decisions about your life.



It means that people who know you will help you to achieve your potential.

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Support for children and young people with SEND and their families:

The Gateshead SEND Local Offer website brings together information for children and young people aged 0-25 years with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families.

This includes information about services and support, and advice and guidance on education, health, social care and transport.

Visit **<https://gateshead-localoffer.org/>** or **scan the QR code:**

