



## Independent Support

Supporting parents and young people through the transfer from a statement to an **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan's** or with an application for a new plan.

An independent supporter is a person who has completed accredited training by the Council for Disabled Children.

An independent supporter works flexibly with you and can be accessed at any stage of the EHC assessment and planning process.

The level of support will be tailored to meet your needs but can include:

- Help to understand the assessment
- Ensuring you have all the information you need
- Help you complete any paperwork relating to the EHC assessment
- Ensure your views, needs and wishes are included
- Act as a named contact throughout the EHC process
- Ensure you have all the information you need to make a decision, e.g. how to request a personal budget, how to choose a school or setting
- Explain who does what and when
- Provide you with information about the Local Offer
- Check your EHC plan to ensure that you are happy with it
- Help you to recognise the difference between goals, aspirations and outcomes.
- Signpost to further advice and support

If you would like help from an independent supporter or would like more information please contact:

**Solihull Send Partnership on 0121 733 7290**

Or

**Mencap on 0808 808 1111**



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for parents and carers.