

Wolverhampton Information, Advice and Support Service

*"For Special
Educational Needs
and Disability."*



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Introduction to Wolverhampton IASS



Why does Wolverhampton IASS exist?

An Information, Advice and Support Service is a statutory service which means:

"A local authority in England must arrange for children and young people for whom it is responsible, and the parents of children for whom it is responsible, to be provided with advice and information about matters relating to the special educational needs of the children or young people concerned."

- Children and Families Act 2014

Wolverhampton Information, Advice and Support Service (WIASS) provides information, advice and support to children and young people (0- 25) with SEND and their parents and carers which is:

- ✓ **Free to access**
- ✓ **Confidential**
- ✓ **Impartial**
- ✓ **Anyone can refer in to the service. There is no eligibility criteria.**
- ✓ **Your child or young person does not need to have a diagnosis or EHCP to receive advice from WIASS.**

WIASS is a **small** team with **4** dedicated hardworking members of staff.

We aim to respond to referrals within **3 working days.**

Available support

WIIASS offers information, advice and support about:

- Education, health and social care matters and relevant law
- Support available in schools, early years and post 16 settings
- Funding arrangements
- How needs are identified and met
- Disagreements and moving forward

WIIASS provides:

- ✓ SEND legal training for parents, carers, young people and professionals in person workshops and online
- ✓ a website with lots of information and resources for SEND
- ✓ a casework service where advice and support is tailored to meet an individual's needs and situation



Training sessions from IASS

- Introduction to IASS
- SEN Support- The Graduated Approach
- Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP)
- Supporting emotional based school non- attendance
- Transition Tips: preparing for secondary school move
18th May - Book your place [via Eventbrite](#)
- Demystifying the EHCP Annual Review process
5th July- Book your place [via Eventbrite](#)
- Available to attend school or organisation parent carer events to provide general guidance and deliver focused training sessions surrounding SEN Support and EHCP processes



IASS Website

- ✓ Guidance on SEN Support- The Graduated Approach
- ✓ Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)
- ✓ Exclusion and suspension
- ✓ Supporting pupils with medical conditions
- ✓ How to resolve a disagreement
- ✓ Person centered planning tools
- ✓ Monthly E- Bulletin
- ✓ Upcoming training and outreach events

- ✓ Factsheets and booklets include:
 - SEN Support
 - Education, health and care plans (EHCP)
 - Preparing for a meeting
 - Reviewing a draft EHCP
 - Personal budgets and personal health budgets
 - Exam access arrangements
 - Visiting a prospective school
 - Transition tips

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Our team can offer individual support which may include:

- ✓ Support at and preparing for meetings
- ✓ Help to understand and complete processes and procedures
- ✓ Help to participate in discussions and decision making
- ✓ Liaising with services and organisations
- ✓ Looking at positive outcomes



SEN support

All schools and settings should have a clear approach to identifying and responding to special educational needs and will carefully monitor the progress of all children and young people.

▶ [Read More](#)



Education, Health and Care Plan

A Local Authority may decide to issue an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) following an EHC needs assessment.

▶ [Read More](#)



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"For special educational needs and disability"

Impartial information, advice and support on matters relating to a child or young person's special educational needs or disability from birth to 25 years.

EHCP Education, Health and Care plans



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Personal Budgets and Personal Health Budgets

What is a Personal Budget?

A **Personal Budget (PB)** for special educational needs (SEN) is an amount of money identified to pay for support specified in section F (Special Educational Provision) of an **Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)** for a child or young person with special educational needs. It is usually funded by the local authority's education service.

A Personal Budget can also be used for identified social care needs and will be provided by the local authority's social care service. These needs would be identified through a social care assessment.



Who can have a Personal Budget?

Parents of a child with an EHCP or a young person with an EHCP can request a Personal Budget during the Education, Health and Care needs assessment process. Inform the SEND Officer, who is responsible for drafting the EHCP that you would like a personal budget for some / all of the special educational provision.



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Welcome to our
April 2023 E- Bulletin

IASS Community Events

The IASS team looks forward to seeing parents and carers at one of the many community events we are attending throughout 2023. Please contact the relevant organisation or contact us for further information:

Wolverhampton Outreach: Presentation on EHCP's
When: Wednesday 26th April 2023 from 10:00am to 12:00pm
Where: Warstones Primary School, Warstones Rd., Penn, Wolverhampton WV4 4LU
To book tickets visit www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/outreach

Parent session on SEND
When: Thursday 27th April 2023 from 9:00am to 10:00am
Where: Whitgrave Primary School
(This session is for parents of children who attend the school)

Parent session on behaviour
When: Thursday 8th June 2023 from 9:00am to 10:00am
Where: Whitgrave Primary School
(This session is for parents of children who attend the school)

Summer Term SEND Solutions with IASS

Transition Tips

This workshop will be particularly helpful for parents and carers who have a child transitioning to secondary school or any other change in school or college setting.



How can we help?

- ✓ Attend our training events and outreach events to develop your SEND knowledge
 - ✓ Sign up for our ebulletin and follow us on Social Media to discover local SEND news, opportunities, training and activities available.

Instagram: @wolves.iass

Twitter & Facebook: @wolvesiass

- ✓ Access our website for information, guidance factsheets and resources
 - ✓ Contact us:
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**SEND Solutions Session
on Tuesday 7th March**

1:00- 3:00pm

**WV Active Bert Williams:
Meeting room 1st floor**

**Join IASS and Wolverhampton's
new SEND school nurse**

- SEND Support
- Understanding EHCP process
- Annual Reviews
- Understanding local processes
- Support for pupils with medical conditions
- Suspension or exclusion concerns



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**Local activities and organisations
for children and young people with
SEND in Wolverhampton**

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Please Note!

- These are just some of the activities and organisations WIASS is aware of.
- We encourage you to check with the direct providers or organisations to ensure they are able to support your child or young person's needs.
- Please do follow our social media pages, where we post regular updates regarding SEND organisations and upcoming activities within our local region.

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