

# Free Independent Support



Statements of Special Educational Needs are being transferred to Education, Health & Care Plans.

Independent Supporters are here to:

- ✓ help you understand more about this process
- ✓ support you to be right at the centre of the decisions made

*If you would like some help,  
which is completely free, please contact us:  
See overleaf for contact details in your area*

## Our Independent Support service is being provided in partnership with Information, Advice and Support Services (formerly Parent Partnerships).

An Independent Supporter can help you during the Education, Health and Care assessment and planning process; whether for the first time or if you are undergoing the transfer of a Statement or Learning Difficulty Assessment to an EHC plan.

### They can help you to:

- ✓ ensure that your views are central to the whole process
- ✓ understand local authority processes and timelines
- ✓ gather the information required for an Education, Health and Care assessment and plan
- ✓ understand the Local Offer
- ✓ understand personal budgets and other aspects of the process
- ✓ contact the Information Advice and Support (IAS) Service for general SEN support (formerly Parent Partnership)

All our Independent Supporters are fully trained and have enhanced DBS checks.

### How you can get the help of an Independent Supporter:

Your Local Authority Area	
Bracknell Forest	 01344 354011  <a href="mailto:SEND.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk">SEND.support@bracknell-forest.gov.uk</a>
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	 01628 683182  <a href="mailto:IAS@rbwm.gov.uk">IAS@rbwm.gov.uk</a>
Reading/Slough/West Berkshire/Wokingham	 0845 408 5060/0118 402 7177  <a href="mailto:Independentsupport@adviza.org.uk">Independentsupport@adviza.org.uk</a>