

- **Is your child or young person having their Statement of Special Educational Needs or Learning Difficulties Assessment transferred to an Education, Health and Care Plan? (EHCP)**
- **Do you want to know how you as a parent/carer, child or young person can play a key role in producing your EHC Plan?**
- **Do you want to find out more about the process of an assessment for an EHC Plan? Or find out more about the Personal Budgets?**

**Core Assets** have recruited locally and are delivering Independent Support for Surrey County Council, in partnership with **SSIASS, Information, Advice and Support Service for Surrey**, a Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service for parents/carers of children with SEND and children and young people with SEND, Family Voice (Parent Carer Forum) and Surrey County Council. We provide confidential, impartial and independent information and support to parents, carers, young people and children on the transfer to an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and to those applying for a new EHCP. Our service supports families and young people (aged 0-25 years).

#### **How can an Independent Supporter help me?**

- Act as a named contact person throughout the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessment and planning process.
- Focus on the main task of helping you to transfer a statement of Special Educational Needs (SEN) or a Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) to an EHCP (transfer review).
- Work with you if you are new to EHCP referrals or if you have a LDA under the old system.
- Liaise across a range of local services and help you to gather the information required as part of the assessment process.
- Provide you with information to help you understand personal budgets.
- Sign post you to other Information, Advice and Support Services as appropriate.

#### **We will be providing information and support in a variety of ways:**

- Individual face to face support. We can provide support from a dedicated Independent Supporter in a place and at a time to suit you.
- Telephone Support.
- To speak to someone about getting help from an Independent Supporter you can call:

**SSIASS, Information, Advice and Support Service for Surrey. A Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service for parents/carers of children with SEND and children and young people with SEND.**  
**Telephone: 01737 737300 or email [ssiass@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ssiass@surreycc.gov.uk)**

- Or you can contact **Core Assets directly on 0800 028 8455** between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. If for any reason you are unable to speak to someone, please leave a message requesting Independent Support and we will respond to you as quickly as we can.
- By email: [ISreferrals@coreassets.com](mailto:ISreferrals@coreassets.com)
- Via the internet: [www.coreassets.com/what-we-do/independent-support-service](http://www.coreassets.com/what-we-do/independent-support-service)