

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S LOCAL OFFER (SEN D): SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Under the new Children and Families Act 2014<sup>1</sup>, every Local Authority must publish a local offer for SEN & Disability (SEN D) by September 2014.

Schools are required to publish their own local offer providing details about how they will meet the needs of children and young people with SEN D. The requirements in relation to schools and colleges can be found in the draft Code of Practice available on the DfE website. The link for this is:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/251839/Draft\\_SEN\\_Code\\_of\\_Practice\\_-\\_statutory\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/251839/Draft_SEN_Code_of_Practice_-_statutory_guidance.pdf)

To assist schools and colleges in meeting their obligations Gloucestershire's Local Offer workstream (including parents, a Headteacher and college Director) have produced a template for schools and colleges. The template is also in response to a request from parents to make it as easy as possible for them to find information and consider options across different settings/providers.

The template is being circulated to schools and colleges, and is also available on the GCC Glosfamilies Directory <http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk> in the [Disability and Local Offer](#) section <http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=1>

Schools and colleges are invited to complete the template and can then:

- Publish it on their own website as a pdf document OR
- Change the design and use the headings and publish it in their own style online as a pdf (Adobe) document OR
- Put it into HTML format (web page format) and publish it on their own website

Please email us at [sendlocaloffer@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:sendlocaloffer@gloucestershire.gov.uk) when your school or college offer is available.

The Local Offer information must be updated, and reviewed at least annually.

### What GCC will do

- Deliver Gloucestershire's Local Offer through the Family Information Service and The Key information service <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/fis> <http://www.keywords.org.uk/>
- Provide a Local Offer template for schools and colleges <http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=1>
- Provide a link on the 'find a school' page to each school/college's Local Offer <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/findaschool>
- Gloucestershire's Local Offer will enable (as required) comment and feedback from parents and young people on the Local Offer site and ease of access, and on the support and services available, including schools and colleges.

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<sup>1</sup> The Children and Families Act received royal assent in March 2014. Publication of the SEN regulations, statutory guidance and transitional arrangements is expected in June 2014. The legislation comes into force in September 2014.