

How do I get help?

In Newcastle, Independent Supporters are provided by Skills for People (a local charity), and Newcastle Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (formerly known as the Parent Partnership Service).



To get your Independent Supporter, or to find out more

Phone **Judith Lane** at Newcastle Special Educational Needs Information, Advice and Support Service on:

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The new system of Education, Health & Care Plans for children and young people with Special Educational Needs can seem confusing.

Each family and young person affected is entitled to help from an Independent Supporter. This is someone who will help you understand the new system, and get the most from it. They are not involved in providing your child's education, support or care.



How can an Independent Supporter help you?

An Independent Supporter can help you to:

- Understand the new system
- Make sure that your child's Education, Health & Care Plan provides them with the right kind of support
- Find out about personal budgets
- Find out what help is on offer locally
- Get in touch with schools, colleges, and organisations which provide support
- Get your point across, at meetings, or in a letter.

