

What additional support for learning information do education authorities and schools have to provide and publish?

The **Education (Additional Support for Learning) Scotland Act 2004**

Section 26 as amended requires education authorities to publish, provide, summarise, review and revise information about a range of specified matters relating to additional support for learning. Information may be published in print or electronically.

The requirement to publish information applies to details about:

- the authority's additional support for learning policy
- arrangements for identifying children and young people with additional support needs and those who require a co-ordinated support plan
- the role of parents, children and young people in arrangements for identifying additional support needs
- the arrangements for monitoring and reviewing the additional support needs of each child and the adequacy of support provided
- arrangements for and how to access independent mediation services
- arrangements for and how to access to dispute resolution
- the local authority officer(s) from whom parents of children with additional support needs can obtain information and advice
- local NHS Board services that can provide information to parents
- other agencies or organisations known to the authority that can provide support, information and advice to parents and young people, including support and advocacy services
- Enquire, the Scottish national advice service for additional support for learning
- the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Ltd
- the Scottish Child Law Centre.

The requirement to provide details of Enquire, the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance, and the Scottish Child Law Centre was established by the **Additional Support for Learning (Sources of Information) (Scotland) Order 2011**.

The information listed above must be provided to all parents of children with additional support needs and to young people with additional support needs unless they lack capacity.

Authorities must ensure that a summary of the information they have published is readily available from any place where school education is provided, including nursery and preschools. This summary must be included in any school or education authority handbook, other publication or website that provides general information about a school or services provided by the authority.

Information should be available on request in alternative formats such as audio, Braille, or video recording.

Information about Enquire

When including information about Enquire in publications or on websites, Enquire would appreciate the following standard text being used:

Enquire - the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning

Enquire offers free, independent, confidential advice and information on additional support for learning through:

- a telephone helpline - 0345 123 2303
- an email enquiry service - info@enquire.org.uk
- an online enquiry service
- two websites - www.enquire.org.uk (for parents, carers and practitioners) and www.enquire.org.uk/yp (for children and young people)

Enquire also provides a range of accurate, clear and easy-to-read guides and factsheets explaining everything from 'additional support in the early years' to 'what planning should take place for moving on from school'.