The Local Offer
Annual Report 2016 – 2017
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Welcome

Welcome to South Gloucestershire’s third annual Local Offer report. All local authorities must publish a Local Offer, setting out in one place information about services and support available for children and young people in their area who have Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Since the South Gloucestershire Local Offer was first planned and published in September 2014, we have been working closely with parents and carers, children and young people and our partners to continue to set our priorities and shape the way that we provide SEND support to empower parents/carers to support their children.

At the start of the project South Gloucestershire Council sought the views of parents and carers, children and young people using a wide range of engagement and consultation techniques. The feedback from this exercise was taken forward to prioritise and deliver phase one of our Local Offer and has also informed our ongoing development work around the different pathways and in preparing for adulthood in South Gloucestershire.

In May 2017, together with South Glos Parent and Carer Forum we undertook a self-evaluation exercise of our local offer, using the Mott MacDonald framework; to support the closing actions on the first phase of the project and to also identify and inform key areas for improvement for our phase two programmes on pathways, key milestones and life stages.

The purpose of the exercise was to enable us to evaluate the South Gloucestershire local offer, whilst at the same time consider other regional (and national) local offers. In total, 16 local authorities were selected for review (including South Gloucestershire).

The key areas for improvement identified from this exercise mirrored the findings in the other regional reviews. Young people and parents/carers felt particularly strongly about the need to develop the visual appeal and usability and wanted to both co-design and co-produce the Local Offer for phase two.

Co-production has significantly increased during 2017. South Glos Parents and Carers (South Gloucestershire’s Parent Carer Forum) have attended the weekly 0 -25 SEND pathways and process group. This working group is co-producing SEND processes, systems and services across Education, Health and Social Care. The Parent and Carer Forum has helped rewrite all the standardised letters for EHC needs assessments and plans, so that they are clearer and more informative. A main focus in 2018 will be looking at the annual review process and personal budgets.

We recognise that communication is vitally important to get right, and this is something that Parents and Carers have consistently stressed. Communications will be a main focus throughout all the SEND priorities and activities on the 2018-2023 SEND Strategy. A communications plan is also being developed to set out clearly who does what, how it all works, what to expect and when, how we will keep each other informed and how we will know if it is working.
The findings from the self-evaluation exercise, together with the feedback from the engagement events jointly facilitated by South Glos Parents and Carers, South Gloucestershire Council and an independent facilitator are now being taken forward as part of the next phase of our SEND strategy.

The council, South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, South Glos Parents and Carers and partners have co-produced South Gloucestershire’s draft five year SEND Strategy 2018-2023. Have your say from 15 Jan 2018 by taking part in the 8 week consultation and check for updates at [www.southglos.gov.uk/sendstrategy](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/sendstrategy).
Commissioning of school places

The Commissioning of Places Strategy 2017 – 2021 pulls together the information required to form a strategic view of the need for school places across South Gloucestershire and provides a revised and updated policy framework for: considering statutory proposals, (opening, closing and defining the size of schools); implementing new school competition arrangements; facilitating the development of collaborative and federated arrangements and where possible encouraging all through school models and free schools.

To be effective, the commissioning process requires the strategic planning of services based on an analysis of need, a set of policies and principles by which decisions will be made and well defined processes for the implementation of proposals. The full Strategy therefore sets out demographic trends in South Gloucestershire, including a summary of new major house building, details of current school and post-16 provision, an analysis of the pupil projections, details of capital funding and the priorities for capital investment linked to emerging proposals for commissioning new and additional school places. Guiding policies and principles upon which decisions will be informed, are contained in the body of appendices in the full Strategy along with more detailed pupil projections by school and by planning area. Associated area maps are also set out in the full Strategy to help to identify the locations of both schools and proposed new house building.

The Strategy is intended to help key stakeholders and partners, including the local authority, schools, governors, parents, the churches, local communities, business, and other providers of education, to understand what school places are needed in South Gloucestershire, now and in the future, and how they will be provided.

Further information on the latest Commissioning of Places Strategy is available on the council website.
Accessibility Strategy 2017-19

The purpose of this strategy is to ensure that all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities have access to the curriculum and to the physical environment. Improving access to education is vital to improving inclusion within mainstream schools, ensuring equality of opportunity, ensuring access to employment opportunities and in ensuring that all children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities have every opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Further information on the latest Accessibility Strategy are available on the council website.
Working with you to improve local healthcare

Children’s Community Health Services

In April 2017, the contract with a new partnership of experienced, local, not for profit and NHS healthcare providers led by Sirona care & health CIC, to deliver community health services for children and young people in Bristol and South Gloucestershire was agreed.

This follows extensive involvement of young people, their families, carers and professionals advising NHS Bristol and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups and their partners as to exactly what they would like to see from children’s community health services.

Community Children's Health Partnership

Community Children’s Health Partnership (CCHP) Services are provided by Sirona care & health CIC working closely with partners Bristol Community Health CIC, Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, University Hospital Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, Barnardo’s and Off the Record. Together they provide all of the community child health and child and adolescent mental health services for Bristol and South Gloucestershire.

To find out about the Local Offer provided by CCHP and the conditions they can help with please use the A-Z finder in the Explore section.
GP Strategy for Primary Care

A partnership between: Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups.

We are defining new community care pathways. Local services will be provided by general practice partnerships that have merged, federated or simply co-operate to provide services jointly, working in an integrated way with other providers, such as community services, acute, mental health

Full details on the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire GP Strategy
South Gloucestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, 2017-2021

The new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been adopted by the Health and Wellbeing Board as they work together with the local community towards a vision for better health from 2017 to 2021.

The strategy targets four key health and wellbeing issues where the board feel they can make most impact through collective action. These are:

1. Improve educational attainment of children and young people, and promote their wellbeing and aspirations
2. Promote and enable positive mental health and wellbeing for all
3. Promote and enable good nutrition, physical activity and a healthy weight for all
4. Maximise the potential of our built and natural environment to enable healthy lifestyles and prevent disease
Participation and co-production with young people

Over the summer of 2017, young people came together to design a range of one page profiles for the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan). These profiles have been designed and created by young people, for young people to capture their voices in a design of their choice.

Professionals helping children and young people choose and complete their one page profile: print off the activity sheet designed by our 0-25 service apprentice, look at the sheet with them and follow the steps to complete.
Headline facts and figures about use of the local offer

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Feedback contact details

We continue to improve our local offer and welcome your comments. Please use the feedback button on our local offer feedback page.

Or feedback via South Glos Parents and Carers

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