



As you may know the Queen signed her name on the dotted line last Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and the Children and Families Bill received Royal Assent. [Children and Families ACT](#)

There are a few particular clauses in it applying to personal budgets and direct payments however most of the key information will form part of the regulations (the next step) and then the Code.

This link is to the Young Person's Guide which may be useful as it will headline the key issues and provide information for young people you may be working with.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/189968/Young\\_person\\_s\\_guide\\_to\\_the\\_Children\\_and\\_Families\\_Bill.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/189968/Young_person_s_guide_to_the_Children_and_Families_Bill.pdf)

### **Children and Young People Engagement**

Work is taking place with the voluntary organisation Action for Children and Lincolnshire's Shadow Transition Board, a group of young people aged between 14-25yrs with a range of special educational needs, the School Improvement Team and Educational Psychologists Team to ensure we are engaging as much as possible with as many children as possible countywide.

### **Parent/Carer Events**

There are a host of events county wide where we are encouraging families to be part of these developments and changes. The flyer can be downloaded here [SEND Events Flyer](#) You do need to book a place for these sessions, details on the flyer

### **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)**

15 families have been identified to take part in the first trial of the EHC Plan (link given below). They have been randomly selected from the database of existing statements and checked to ensure all ages and complexity of need are covered. These families will be contacted by a key worker known to them to gain their consent. A further trial will take place once feedback has been received from the initial group.

[Lincolnshire EHC Plan Draft 1](#)

### **SEN Local Offer**

Through research done by Lincolnshire Parent Carer Council with parents and the evidence gathered from National SEN+D Pathfinder Authorities, Lincolnshire decided to commission a company called Open Objects to support our Web-based SEN Local Offer

The first view of this will be available on-line 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Each school must also have their own school's Local Offer available on their school site. Workshops are taking place to support the expectations of the School's Local Offers.

To keep up-to-date with this agenda and Lincolnshire's developments, please regularly check [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/support-and-aspiration](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/support-and-aspiration) Here we publish our approved Project documents, together with any National documents of interest.

Please sign-post colleagues and families to this page too

If you have any further queries, questions or would like to be further involved, please email [SEND\\_Reforms@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:SEND_Reforms@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

**May we also take this opportunity to sign-post you to:-**

- **Post 16 LLDD Conference** (Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities)

1<sup>st</sup> April Contact [MReader@cfbt.com](mailto:MReader@cfbt.com) for further details

- **4All**

Information for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-19 with a disability and/or additional needs

Personalised welcome pack and a 30 page colour newsletter 3 times a year

For more information and to receive a referral form please visit [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/4all](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/4all) or email

[4all@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:4all@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

or call 01522 555517.

Dates and Updates in regard to the Children and Families Bill and SEN+D can be found in each newsletter