

# independent support in Cheshire East

## **A free and impartial Support Service for Parents, Carers and Young People involved in the Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment Process**

The Independent Support role has been developed to support and enable families with children who have special educational needs and/or a disability to improve their educational, health and social outcomes.

This project has been developed in response to the introduction of the Children and Families Act 2014. Independent Supporters provide free, impartial support to parents, carers and young people living in Cheshire East, offering:

- Support with transfer of a Statement of Special Educational Need (SEN) to an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan
- Support if you are considering requesting an EHC needs assessment for your child or if you are a young person who wishes to apply for an assessment for yourself
- Information on the Local Offer and Personal Budgets
- Information and signposting to other relevant services
- Advice to all children, young people and their families who are going through the EHC process.

Independent Support  
in Cheshire East is  
delivered by



and



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Information Advice  
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### Referrals

We will accept self-referrals or referrals from education, health or social care agencies or voluntary/faith sectors.

You can choose which service you would like to support you.

Please contact EDGE Inclusion or Cheshire East Information, Advice and Support to access an Independent Supporter.

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Edge is a Community Interest Company which provides a free and impartial Independent Support service in three North West Local Authorities for children, young people and their families.

We can help with a new Education, Health and Care needs assessment or a transfer from a statement or Learning Difficult Assessment (LDA) to an EHC Plan. Our highly trained Independent Supporters can provide support and guidance throughout the process.

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On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014, the Parent Partnership Service Cheshire East became the Cheshire East Information, Advice and Support (IAS) Service. Our free service is available to parents, children and young people living in the Cheshire East area.

We can help by providing access to impartial guidance and support on matters relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability, including the law, local policy and practice, the Local Offer and Education, Health and Care (EHC) needs assessments and plans.

Please turn over for more information about the service