

## Department of Children's Services Aiming High for Children

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Dear Mr Wright

Further to your request for information about SEN which was received on 23 December 2013 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find the information you requested below:

*As part of the Government Green Paper (Support and Aspiration) the government has outlined a new approach to special education needs and disability. As part of this initiative the government requires all local authorities in England to set out a local offer.*

*The purpose of the local offer is to enable parents and young people to see more clearly what services are available to them in their area and how to access them.*

*Please provide answers to the following questions:*

- 1. What is your local authority currently offering for online advice and guidance for local offer?*
- 2. What is the name of the person who is leading on the local offer within your local authority? Please also provide their job title.*

The local authority is required to publish the local offer in September 2014. There is no requirement for non-pathfinder authorities to provide online guidance or information before then. In the meantime, the Family Information Service website provides a wealth of information on the services that are available for families with special educational needs/disabilities across the district – [www.bradford.gov.uk/fis](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/fis)



The latest edition of the Disability Children's Information Service (DCIS) newsletter (pages 18/19) provides an update for stakeholders on the developments within the Bradford district, in relation to the Children and Families Bill. A copy is attached for your information.

The local offer will be jointly led by Jenni Leary – SEN Planning and Project Manager and Cath Dew – Service Manager Specialist Family Support.

If you are not satisfied with this response you may ask for a review of this decision by contacting [foi@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:foi@bradford.gov.uk) or by writing to Freedom of Information, 5th Floor, Britannia House, Hall Ings, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD1 1HX.

If you are still not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
Tel: 01625 545700 URL: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey Parry'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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