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Dear Mr Owen,

Freedom of Information Request – Online Advice and Guidance for Local Offer

I am writing further to the Council's previous correspondence dated 23 December 2013 regarding your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am pleased to inform you that the Council does hold the information that you have requested and I attach our response. Please note that the information supplied can mostly be re-used in accordance with the Open Government Licence. The council should be acknowledged as the source of the information, but copyright is maintained for all photographs and third party contributions to the information supplied. For further details see <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open%2Dgovernment%2Dlicence/>.

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Yours sincerely,

Judith Harwood
Assistant Director for Education, Learning & Families



As part of the Government Green paper (Support and Aspiration) The government has outlined a new approach to special educational 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;

- Q1. What is your local authority currently offering for online advice and guidance for Local Offer?
- A1. Plymouth are working with young people, families and partners to develop a framework for the Local Offer. This will be achieved and published by September 2014. Information will be available online. This forms part of our SEND Strategy development work.**
- Q2. What is the name of the person who is leading on the Local Offer within your Local Authority?
- A2. Jo Siney, Integrated Services Disability Manager, is the named lead for SEND development work.**