

Bromley Independent Support Project

Bromley Mencap is leading the **Bromley Independent Support Project**. X by X is one of the partners running this project with Bromley Parent Voice and Burgess Autistic Trust. The project **aims to support disabled young people and their families to understand changes taking place** resulting from a new law.



The new law is called the **Children and Families Act 2014**. It was passed this year. The changes it brings in, took effect from this September.

Some of the main changes are:



Children and young people with **Special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabilities** will now be given **'Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans'**. They were given what is called a 'Statement' before and this used to make clear what the education support needs of a child or young person are and how they will be met. Statements have ended and have been replaced by EHC plans.



From the 1st of September (2014) Learning Difficulty Assessments (LDA'S) will not be available anymore.



Young people with an LDA who will be continuing with further education or training after the 1st of September 2016, must ask the local authority for an assessment for an EHC plan now. If they think they need one. If you already have an LDA you will still be able to receive support until the 1st of September 2016.



Families will have access to **personal budgets**. This is a pot of money from the Council that families can use to **pay for support** for families members who are disabled children or young people.



All Councils have to have a 'Local Offer'. This is a list of different services, support and activities that children and young people with disabilities can look at.



Young people also have a right of appeal if not satisfied with their EHC Plans.

X by X will be holding accessible workshops for young people and putting together more easy read information on the Bromley Parent Voice website

Please contact Funke Adelaye on 02084660790 or email at js@bromleymencap.org or visit <http://www.bromleyparentvoice.org.uk> for further information

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