



UMBRELLA INDEPENDENT SUPPORT

Umbrella has launched a new service for children and young people and their families from 1st November 2014.

This new service has been established following the implementation of the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) reforms that have recently been introduced by the Government. Independent Support is a Government funded programme running until March 2016 to provide additional support to children, young people and parents during the implementation of the SEND reforms. The Council for Disabled Children has awarded Umbrella the contract to provide Independent Support in Derby and Derbyshire.

Independent Support (IS) will be used specifically to provide support for young people and parents/carers through the introduction of the new assessment process leading to the development of Education Health and Care plans (EHC's). Support will be provided to:

- Young people or parents/carers of children being assessed for an EHC plan.
- Young people or parents/carers of children with a statement of SEN transferring to an EHC plan.
- Young people with a Learning Disability Assessment transferring to an EHC plan.

The support will be provided during the assessment and planning process. The support provided will be impartial and time limited, this will help parents/carers and young people to:

- understand the SEND reforms and the new EHC process
- contribute to assessments and take an active part in the decision making process
- access support from a wide variety of external services
- understand the processes for resolving disputes, attending mediation and the routes to appeals and complaints.

Referrals can come from any source including self referrals and third party referrals with the relevant permission. To access independent support please call;

Umbrella Independent Support Service on 01332 785658 or 07701 289702
e-mail requests to: Independent.Supporters@umbrella.uk.net

www.umbrella.uk.net  

All referrals will be acknowledged. Umbrella aims to make initial contact with the family and/or young person within one working day of referral.

