

## Tameside Local Offer response September 2015

### Development Phase

- Parent consultation in 2014 to decide the look and feel of the local offer webpages
- Decide that a website approach was the model Tameside wanted to go for and Tameside MBC hosting the website – this included a built in feedback loop through the Council’s Customer Relationship Management system
- Extensive communication with schools to support the development of the local offer on school websites
- All partners fully involved including colleagues in the Council, health providers, specialist learning providers and local parent support groups
- Head teachers all briefed on the need for a local offer and templates issued to all schools
- SEN Governor network consulted on content of local offer and EHC plan development
- SENCOs all made aware of new 0 – 25 service including the local offer and EHC plans through the SENCO network
- Templates sent to post 16, work place and apprenticeship providers and specialist providers

### Website response during the year

The council has received several responses throughout the year:

You said	We did
Please can you include a link to CAF documentation on the local offer	This is now available in the Professionals section
Please can you include a link to our charity / national support group	In consultation with Tameside’s Parent Forum, it has been decided that Tameside’s local offer will include links to charities and support groups that offer provision in the borough but parents don’t want lists of national organisations to go through. However, the local offer does include a link to where parents can find information on most national groups through the SEND gateway.
Please can you include a link to our charity / national support group	In consultation with Tameside’s Parent Forum, it has been decided that Tameside’s local offer will include links to specialist providers where Tameside children and young people already attend or who we have a contract with but not any specialist provider who requests it. However, the local offer does include a link to the Secretary of State for Education list of approved independent special institutions (independent special schools – England and Wales and special post-16 institutions) <a href="http://www.tameside.gov.uk/localoffer/learningopps/specialist">http://www.tameside.gov.uk/localoffer/learningopps/specialist</a>

### Future developments

The 0 – 25 Strategy Group will continue to keep the content of the local offer under review and involve parents and young people in particular. There is a consultation event planned for September 2015 and feedback from this will form part of next year’s review.

