

**Tameside Local Offer response
September 2016**

Website response during the year

The council has only received three responses throughout the year:

You said	We did
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 independent special school	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) http://www.tameside.gov.uk/localoffer/learningopps/specialist
<p>An independent school raised again the issue of section 41 list on local offers with the Department for Education and cited Tameside. The DfE email to Tameside Council said:</p> <p><i>I have responded with the link as I found it in seconds by using the search engine. If you wanted to make it Rolls Royce I think you could also stick the link on the schools section after special schools in Tameside. I found the site very easy to use and very intuitive!!</i></p>	This is lovely feedback to get. Indeed we have made it a Rolls Royce as the suggested amendment has been made.

Developments since September 2015

Even though we have only received a limited number of responses this year, the Council has continued to make developments to the local offer. These are:

- New graphics have been developed to brighten up the pages
- Youtube clips have been added throughout the site to explain information better
- All information remains up to date through the web based approach to the site
- Letters from the SEND Team now include a link to the local offer to try to promote it within the borough

Future developments

Tameside’s 0 – 25 operational groups will continue to keep the content of the local offer under review and involve parents and young people in particular. The consultation with the Children with Disabilities group in October 2016 will form part of next year’s review.