

SENDIASS and the Youth Offending Team

Southwark

Strong child- and family-centred support information and guidance

Key points:

SENDIASS (SEN Information Advice and Support Service) professionals play a major role in co-ordinating service provision in Southwark, something not found in every local authority. For example, they “look after” the Local Offer, are strong on co-production and family involvement in shaping services, and work very closely with professionals in the YOT to support children and young people.

Their knowledge, specialist skills and advocacy helps to secure better outcomes for YPs with SEND in youth justice system.

It was surprising to hear from some YOS delegates at the regional workshops that they had not developed strong relationships with their local SENDIASS Teams (SEN Information Advice and Support Service). Likewise, it was interesting to hear from SENDIASS professionals who attended training that (some of them) had come because they did not know enough about their local youth offending service and wanted to know how they could help more effectively.

Not so in Southwark! You only have to spend a few moments with Service Manager Cara Jones to become inspired and enthused by her energy, passionate advocacy for young people with SEND, and her commitment to securing the best possible outcomes for the young people and their families touched by her service, including those in Southwark who are involved in the Youth Offending Team.

SENDIASS Teams nationwide are an essential statutory component within the recent SEND Reforms.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service or SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial service for parents and carers, children and young people (up to 25 years). The type and range of support offered includes:



Cara Jones with Abu Bangura, a young man with learning difficulties. He works with the team on a voluntary basis Mondays and Tuesdays.

To find out more about SENDIASS and link to your local service

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About

We are the Information, Advice and Support Services Network (IASSN), we provide training and support to local IAS Services across England.

We believe that every disabled child and young person, and those with SEN, and their parents, should have access to high quality IAS Services.

The IASS Network was previously known as the National Parent Partnership Network (NPPN), who undertook a similar role with local Parent Partnership Services. In 2014, as part of the national SEND reforms, Parent Partnership Services changed to include provision to children and young people and became known as IAS Services.

The IASS Network is funded by the Department for Education and is based within the Council for Disabled Children in the National Children's Bureau.

What do we do?

We provide a range of support to local IAS Services helping them to evaluate, develop and improve provision for children, young people and their families.

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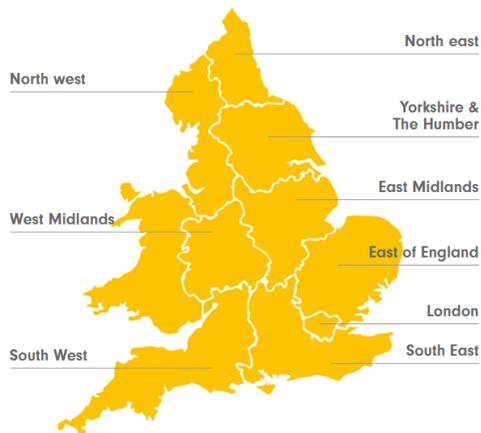
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