



## Local Offer Requests Policy Statement

The Code of Practice advises of the duty on local authorities that the Local Offer should not simply be a directory of existing services. Its success depends as much upon full engagement with children, young people and their parents as on the information it contains, with an emphasis on 'co-production' across the local area. The process of developing the Local Offer will help local authorities and their health partners to improve provision.

### Halton's Approach

The content and sources on Halton's Local Offer are very much **led by feedback, suggestions and recommendations received from the local community**. These are from parents/carers, children and young people and professionals in partner agencies and local services supporting the local area.

Being included on Halton's Local Offer ***does not mean that Halton Borough Council endorses a particular service or source of information***, other than it has been recommended through feedback to be helpful to others. This includes providing information and/or details of services that are often free for children, young people and their families to access.

We include support, advice and reference to national and/or regional services, where relevant, to meet the needs of Halton's children, young people and families.

If it is agreed that other provision should be included, then we would consider those providers that are accessible on a daily basis across the North West that can meet the specific needs of the individual.

In the section 'About the Local Offer' (in the top toolbar) we have provided web-links to all the other local authority Local Offer websites – these provide details about what is available in other local areas.

**Based on the information above, we believe that we have complied with our duty to promote 'other provision' in order to meet local needs.**

**However the Policy Statement above is subject to any additional guidance issued by the Department for Education.**