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PARENTS' CONTRIBUTION TO STATUTORY ASSESSMENT

Information Sheet 8

Statutory Assessment is an in-depth assessment of your child by all of those involved. Education, Health and Social Services professionals will be asked for their assessments of your child. They will report upon the aspects of your child in which they are experts.

To be most effective the process needs to give a whole picture of your child. You have a vital role to play in this.

You know your child better than anyone else. You see your child as a whole person. It is very helpful if you can add this whole picture of your child to the statutory assessment.

If someone had never met your child would they get a clear picture of your child: their day-to-day life, their strengths and their difficulties? This is the important part that you can add.

You may give your views in a variety of ways. Your contribution can be short or long, typed or hand-written, on the form provided or on sheets of paper.

It is important that your child gives his or her views if appropriate.

It helps if you respond as soon as you can.

Your views, and those of your child, will be shared with other professionals involved and will be taken seriously.

The guidelines on areas to write about are taken from the SEN Code of Practice Toolkit. You do not have to use them. You can change the order, add bits or leave bits out but it is helpful if you use the headings suggested.

THE EARLY YEARS
WHAT IS YOUR CHILD LIKE NOW?
YOUR GENERAL VIEWS
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may wish someone to discuss your contribution with or to help you write it. This could be

- a friend or relative
- someone from your Parent Partnership Service
- someone from a voluntary group