

## National Legislation

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ACT 2014** -The SEND system changed in September 2014 when the Children and Families Act 2014 came into force.

Gov. Website	Easy read guide for young people. This document is intended to be used by young people so every effort has been made to use clear uncomplicated language.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-persons-guide-to-the-children-and-families-act-2014">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-persons-guide-to-the-children-and-families-act-2014</a>
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**SEN CODE OF PRACTICE 2014** - National Guidance including the SEND age 0-25 Code of Practice under the Children and Families Act 2014

Gov. Website	Guide to the SEN CODE OF PRACTICE Further Education by the Department of Education	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-25</a>
Gov. Website	Easy Read Guide to explain the Code Of Practice to parents and carers	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/348883/Further_education_guide_to_the_0_to_25_SEND_code_of_practice.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/348883/Further_education_guide_to_the_0_to_25_SEND_code_of_practice.pdf</a>

**THE CARE ACT 2014** - is mainly for adults in need of care and support, and their carers. References transition of children, parent carers and young carers.

Gov. Website	General responsibilities of local authorities including promoting individual well-being, promoting integration of care and support with health services etc.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/23/contents</a>
Gov. Website	Factsheet providing information and advice	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-part-1-factsheets/care-act-factsheets">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/care-act-2014-part-1-factsheets/care-act-factsheets</a>

**THE EQUALITY ACT 2010** - for those with a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' negative effect on your ability to do normal daily activities.

Gov. Website	Employers and service providers are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' allowing disabled people access to the same opportunities and services as non-disabled people.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010">https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010</a>
Gov. Website	Disability section guidelines.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/6">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/6</a>

**THE MENTAL CAPACITY ACT 2005** - The MCA is designed to protect and restore power to those vulnerable people who lack capacity.

Gov. Website		<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mental-capacity-act-making-decisions">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mental-capacity-act-making-decisions</a>
Gov. Website	Explanatory notes to assist the reader in understanding the Act.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2005/9/contents</a>

**THE AUTISM ACT 2009** – is about meeting the needs of adults with autistic spectrum condition. The document is referred to in this Act as “the autism strategy”.

Gov. Website	Explanatory Notes to assist the reader in understanding the Act.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/15/notes/division/1">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/15/notes/division/1</a>
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**POWER OF ATTORNEY, Appointees and Deputyship**

Gov. Website	If your young person lacks the mental capacity to make decisions either around finances or health, you may need to apply to become their Power of Attorney.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney/overview">https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney/overview</a>
Gov. Website	If your young person lacks the mental capacity to make decisions either around finances or welfare and to sign over Power of Attorney, you may need to apply to become their Deputy.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/become-deputy">https://www.gov.uk/become-deputy</a>
Gov. Website	Financial Appointees support someone claiming benefits if they are not able to manage their own affairs because they're mentally incapable or severely disabled.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/become-appointee-for-someone-claiming-benefits">https://www.gov.uk/become-appointee-for-someone-claiming-benefits</a>

**OTHER**

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence	NICE guideline [NG43] Published date: February 2016 covers before, during and after a young person moves from children's to adults' services. It helps young people and their carers experience a better transition by improving planning and execution of social care and health services.	<a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng43">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng43</a>
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