

How do schools support children and young people with SLCN?

What does it say in the school SEN information report?

About school SEN information report

Every school has to publish an annual SEN information report. The Government has said what needs to be in the report: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/1530/schedule/1/made> .

At a minimum: There should be information saying that the school supports pupils with speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).

There could also be: Information about approaches and programmes the school uses to support children with SLCN.

Where is the school SEN information report?

Schools should publish this on their website. It may be in the 'information' section, or with 'policies'. It should have the title '**SEN Information report**', but may have SEND, or 'inclusion' in the title.

Things to look out for

- ? Does the report mention children and young people with SLCN? This may also be called 'communication and interaction', 'speech and language difficulties' or 'speaking and listening'.
- ? Are staff trained to support pupils with SLCN?
- ? Does the school have contact with specialists such as speech and language therapists?
- ? What programmes or approaches does the school use to support pupils with SLCN?

A good way to raise awareness of the importance of children and young people with SLCN is to ask your child's school about the support they have. Some useful points for a discussion:

- 10% of all children and young people have speech, language and communication needs (SLCN).
- In primary schools it is the most frequently reported SEN.
- *Bercow: Ten Years On* is a report about provision for children and young people with SLCN. It found that
 - 53% people responding to the survey felt that the way children learn in school does not support their spoken language.
 - Only 48% felt that school staff had the expertise to identify and support pupils with SLCN.
- One of the recommendations asks schools to include information about how they support SLCN in their SEN information report.

Information to help on www.berconw10yearson.com/resources

There is a short briefing for school staff about the *Bercow: Ten Years On* report.

There is also some wording that schools can use for their SEN information report.