

### ***Who can make a referral?***

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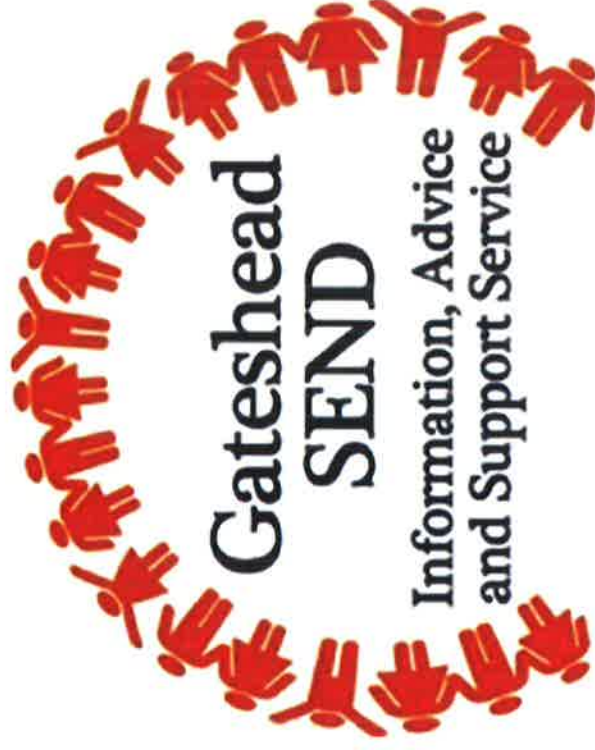
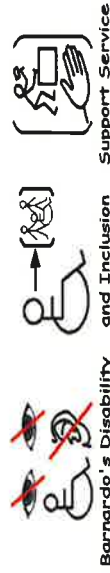
- You the parents/carer or young person over 16
- Schools
- Health Visitors
- Any other person working with you

Referrals can be made on your behalf but we would need your consent.

### ***How can I make a referral?***

To make a referral or for any further information about the service please contact:

The SENDIASS Team  
Barnardo's Disability & Inclusion Support Service  
20 Bewick Road  
Gateshead  
NE8 4DP  
Tel 0191 4784667  
Email [DAISS@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:DAISS@barnardos.org.uk)  
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**For parents/carers of children with  
special educational needs  
&  
young people with special education needs**

## ***What is a Special Educational Needs & Disability Advice & Support Service (SENDIASS)?***

### ***Information***

The SENDIAS Service provides independent impartial advice to parents/carers about their child's special educational needs, We provide advice to children and young people about their SEN too.

Gateshead's SENDIAS Service is provided by Barnardo's Disability and Inclusion Support Service on behalf of Gateshead Council.

The Team:

- Rachel Chard Children's Service Manager
- Elizabeth Lowery SENDIAS Officer
- Gemma Nichol Service Administrator/Office Manager
- Deborah Garside Service Administrator
- Annette Gray Project Worker/Volunteer Coordinator
- Independent Parental Supporters (a team of trained volunteers who provide impartial support and advice)

### ***How we can help***

- Provide impartial advice and information on Special Educational Needs processes
- Help you complete parental/children/young peoples views and review forms
- Support you if you would like to make a request for statutory assessment for an EHC Plan
- Support you where someone else (usually the school) has made a request for a statutory assessment
- Support you when your child is at SEN support or have an EHC Plan (known as single plan)
- Support you at meetings
- Support you to look at schools
- Give advice on how you can express your views
- Signpost on to other useful organisations
- Provide support through a team of trained Volunteer Supporters who can provide impartial support and advice
- Provide you with an Independent Supporter throughout the assessment process

