

Specialist Learning Support Assistant (SPLSA) Service

This is a service jointly funded by NHS Suffolk and Suffolk County Council that supports children and young people with complex medical needs to receive education.

The service enables children and young people with complex medical needs to attend school so that they can reach their full potential. This is achieved by the provision of professionally supported and trained Specialist Learning Support Assistants who ensure the medical needs of the children and young people they work with are safely and competently met.

The team consists of a Care Co-ordinator and Deputy Care Co-ordinator, who are qualified children's nurses. They are responsible for allocating the SPLSAs and providing their training and support. The Care Co-ordinators provide the medical interventions necessary to support a child/young person in school and in many cases on home/school transport.

In the event of a child/young person missing school due to poor health, the SPLSA service can provide up to three hours of home learning support from the second day of illness.

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The Alternative Tuition Service

We are currently developing a new model for our tuition service which will support children and young people (CYP) who are not accessing education. Our 2 existing models of online and face to face tuition are being merged so that we are able to offer blended learning packages to meet the individual needs of each child or young person. The service supports CYP from Reception through to year 11. Eligibility criteria for the service fall within the following 3 categories:

- Pupils who are deemed medically unable to attend school
- Pupils who have been permanently excluded
- Pupils who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, who are awaiting specialist placement

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