



One Minute Guide



What is The SENART Team?

The SENART Team is the local authority's Special Educational Needs Assessment and Review Team.

Working towards becoming a child-friendly city, SENART's aim is to enable children and young people with complex Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to access the right educational support and act as the Local Authority Representative in Mediation, Dispute Resolution and SEND Tribunal appeals brought by parents or young people.

What does the SENART team do?

The SENART team has a number of functions including:

- Creating Education Health and Care Plans (EHCP), in partnership with others working with the child or young person across education, health and care. SEN Casework Officers use information and advice from the child or young person, their parents and the practitioners and agencies working with them to undertake an EHC needs assessments and, write an EHC plan. They work towards creating SMART outcomes that enable the child or young person to make progress and, later on, to become well prepared for adulthood. All children and young people who have EHCPs are supported by SEN Casework Officers and Assistant Casework Officers.
- Overseeing nursery, school and post 16 provision and admissions for children and young people who have an EHCP, both in mainstream and specialist settings.
- Assistant Casework Officers and Casework Officers make decisions in regard to amending EHCPs and then process these accordingly.
- Monitoring and quality assuring special educational provision within educational settings - Monitoring and Quality Assurance Officers provide nurseries, schools and post 16 settings with support and challenge around SEND. They conduct SEN audits, monitor students' progress and help to ensure that settings are working in ways which are consistent both with their statutory duties and which continue to develop best practice in SEN.

- Managing the delegation of funds to educational settings — the team also have Business Support Officers who oversee the delegation of element 3 funding to educational settings.
- Our SEN Officers will be allocated any mediation requests and cases that are being heard at Tribunal following a formal appeal being raised from a decision we have made in relation to EHCPs. they will work with families and young people to achieve the right outcome.

More about the team

The SENART team is a forward-thinking, innovative, and dedicated group that has received national recognition for its inclusive and creative approaches to supporting the needs of children with SEND.

While maintaining compliance with statutory functions, the team prioritises engaging children, young people, and families in key decision-making regarding their SEND provision. Their ultimate aim is to support children and young people in achieving positive and aspirational life outcomes.

Additionally, the team offers a variety of training packages and briefings designed to assist practitioners, senior leaders, and school staff in navigating the often complex and evolving area of SEND. This includes tailored support to enhance understanding of the EHCP process.

Key contacts & more information

For general enquiries and more information about EHCPs, monitoring and quality assurance, you can contact SENART@wakefield.gov.uk or call 01924 302 465.

For general and specific enquiries regarding SEND funding, you can contact:

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