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Our aims for children and young people with Special Educational Needs

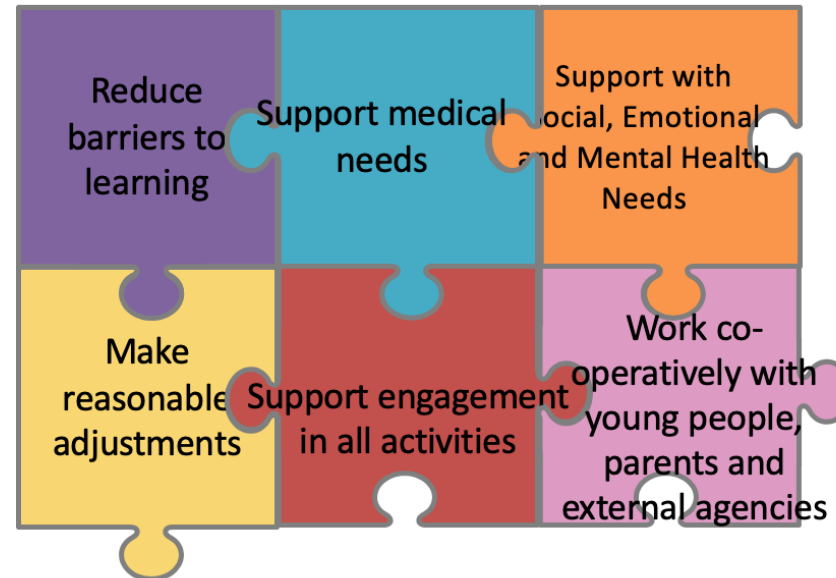
We aim to:

- Raise the aspirations of, and expectations for all children and young people with SEND.
- Focus on outcomes for children and young people rather than just on hours of provision.
- Support children and young people to make progress in line with, or exceeding their expectations.
- Encourage children and young people to become more independent in their learning in order to prepare them for life after school.
- Support children and young people to make a successful transition from school to further and/or higher education and employment.

A child or young person has special educational needs if he or she has a learning difficulty or disability which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A learning difficulty or disability is a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age.

*Many children and young people who have SEN may have a **disability** under the Equality Act 2010 – that is ‘...a physical or mental impairment which has a long-term and substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’. This definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer.*



Objectives

- To identify and provide effective support for children and young people who have special educational needs
- To work within the guidance provided in the SEND Code of Practice, 2014
- To operate a “whole child and young person, whole school” approach to management and provision of support for special educational needs
- To provide a SENDCO who will manage, monitor and review the SEND Policy
- To provide support and advice for all staff working with children and young people with special educational needs.

Our Service

What we Offer.....

- All children and young people who attend Nightingale Home and Hospital Service have an additional need that means that at this point in time they are not deemed medically unfit for fulltime education. This is usually due to a medical or psychological reason
- The service is available for children and young people aged between 5 and 16 years of age.
- Many of our children and young people require additional support with their social, emotional and mental health needs.

Supporting SEMH needs

We provide support for children and young people to improve their emotional and social development in the following ways:

- Lawnswood Integrated Therapy Service team support
- Specialist Teaching Assistants working alongside the classroom teacher in supporting ALL children and young people.
- Mindfulness approach within the service and specific sessions carried out to increase child's and young person's resilience and individual toolkit.

Onsite Provision

- Children and young people are offered up to 17.5 hours of onsite tuition per week.
- Children and young people are generally taught in small groups (no more than 7) with access to both a subject specialist and teaching assistant.
- 1 to 1 tuition is available if required
- Children and young people are given access to a personalised curriculum diet that includes a mix of both academic and social learning.
- Children and young people have individual targets that are central to planning the curriculum.
- Most children and young people are transported into Service by minibus or staff cars.

Offsite Provision

- The needs of some of our children and young people mean that they are not able to attend onsite and require tuition within the home.
- This tuition can comprise of a mix of online teaching via TEAMS, teachers entering the home to give 1:1 instruction and work packs being left for independent completion.
- Children and young people who are taught off site will receive regular visits from Nightingale staff, the frequency and duration of these is dependent upon individual needs.

Hospital School Room

- Education is provided for children and young people from Reception to Year 11, while they are in New Cross Hospital, whether they are in hospital for a short stay or a longer admission.
- There is a purpose-built schoolroom on the children's ward, staffed by a qualified teacher and teaching assistant.
- The teacher will liaise with the children and young people's own school in order to personalise their learning and limit disruption to their education.
- Children and young people attend sessions in the schoolroom, or if necessary are taught at the bedside.



Our Ambition

To be the leading light for Alternative Provision

Our Spirit

Support Trust Achieve Respect

Our Vision

"To provide access to appropriate education for all our young people with medical and mental health needs, putting young people's wellbeing and mental health at the heart of everything we do, keeping education alive in their life, maintaining progress and enabling them to achieve their potential."

Our Values

Kindness, Empathy, Honesty, Positivity, Curiosity, Resilience, Commitment, Responsibility

Identifying Special Educational Needs

Special educational provision means educational or training provision that is additional to, or different from, that made generally for others of the same age in a mainstream setting in England

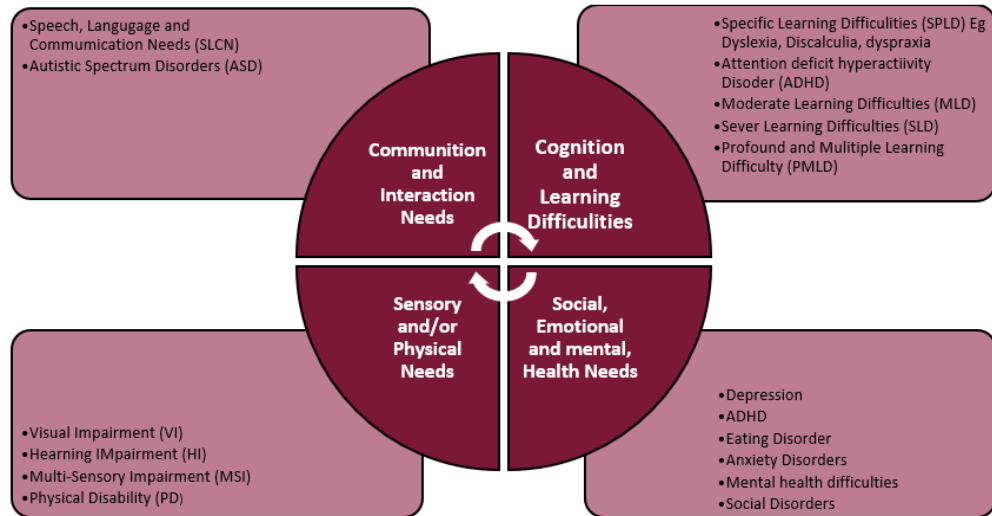
Four Areas of Need

Cognition and Learning

Speech, Language and Communication needs

Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs

Physical and Sensory needs



Children and young people, who require teaching or support that is additional, or different, in order to make progress in line with their peers, are classified as having special educational needs. This may in some cases include a specifically diagnosed condition or disability. Identification may be via transition information from previous schools, via reports from external professionals, or through assessment carried out in school.

Admission procedures consider any specific needs for children and young people, the school then plans the provision required to support those needs. This includes an assessment of:

- Physical accessibility and environmental resources
- Accessibility of the curriculum, to include the use of assistive technology
- Inclusion in extra-curricular activities

All children and young people who join Nightingale Home and Hospital Service have an identified additional need. We will assess each child and young person's current skills and levels of attainment on entry, which will build on previous settings and Key Stages, where appropriate. Subject teachers will make regular assessments of progress for all young people and identify those whose progress:

- Is significantly slower than that of their peers starting from the same baseline;
- Is below the child and young person's previous rate of progress;
- Is unable to close the attainment gap between the individual and their peers;
- Widens the attainment gap.

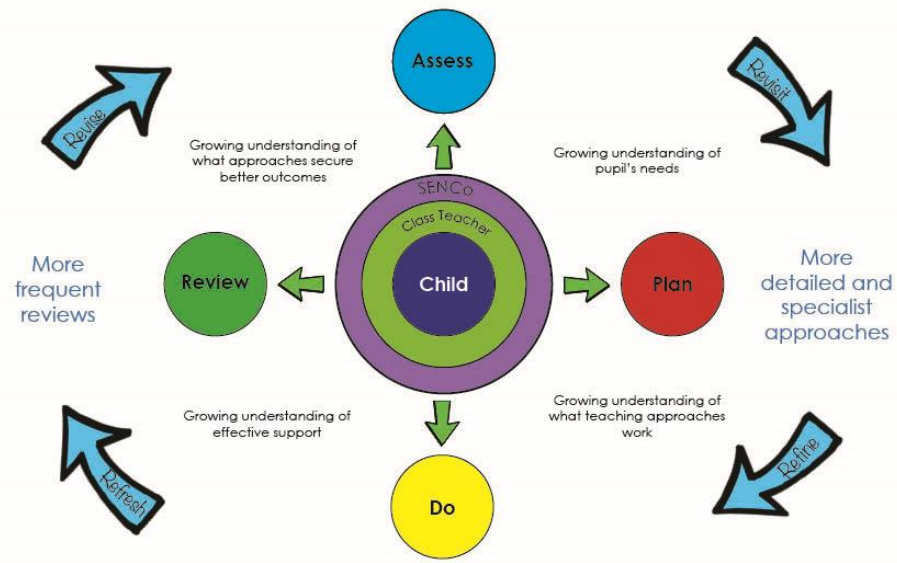
This may include progress in areas other than attainment, for example, social needs. Slow progress and low attainment will not automatically mean a child and young person is recorded as having SEND. When deciding whether additional special educational provision is required, we will start with the desired outcomes, including the expected progress and attainment, and the views and the wishes of the young person and their parents / carers. We will use this to determine the support that is needed and whether we can provide it by adapting our core offer, or whether something different or additional is needed.

Support

Nightingale Home and Hospital Service has an ethos of inclusion. We are committed to ensuring that every child and young person has the opportunity to achieve their best, become confident individuals with fulfilling lives and make a successful transition into adulthood, whether into employment, further or higher education or training.

We ensure that the child and young person is always the central focus in all our planning and aim to work with key individuals that support the child and young person including; the child and young person themselves, family/carers, school staff, other educational providers and key professionals from education, health and social care.

Quality First Teaching (QFT) is a measure of effective practice. Our class teachers provide an educational experience that allows for all children and young people, including those with SEND to make expected progress or better. Teachers assess the needs of all young persons and plan how they will meet their needs in the classroom to allow children and young people to make expected progress or better. Additional intervention and support cannot compensate for a lack of good quality teaching. Quality first teaching is part of the graduated response cycle of assess, plan, do and review.



Assess

Plan

Do

Review

Identification of SEND:
 Transition information
 Internal assessment
 Parental referral
 External assessment



Planning support:
 Discussions with parents
 Discussions with pupil
 Discussions with teachers
 Advice from specialists

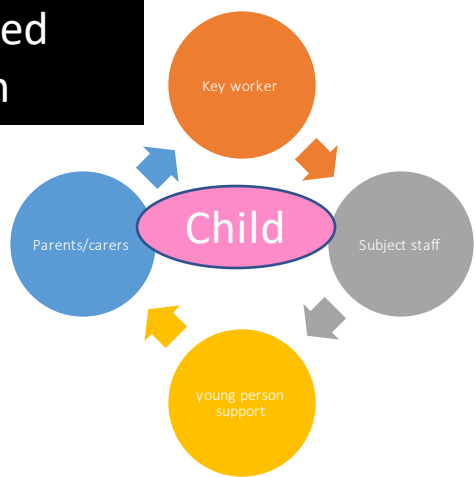


Ensuring support:
 Key information for teachers
 Reasonable adjustments
 Specialist programmes
 Additional adult support



Evaluation of support:
 Subject assessment data
 Specialist assessment data
 Discussions with teachers, with pupils and with parents

Child Centred Approach

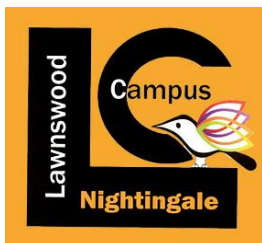


Internal Support

- Personalised support plans
- Small group or individual intervention programmes
- Keyworker allocation
- Specialised equipment as required
- Personalised curriculum offer
- Access to Lawnswood Integrated Therapy Service
- Access Arrangements put in place as required
- Additional adult support within the classroom
- Transition programme in place
- Quiet and supportive environment

External Support

- Wolverhampton SEND Team (includes learning, behaviour and speech and language, hearing impairment, visual impairment, disability)
- Professionals: Educational Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy
- CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Information, Advice and Support Agency
- Inclusion Support Alternative Provision Panel.
- Health care (to include school nurse, hospital services)



Curriculum

All children and young people who access the Nightingale Service are on the SEND register and consequently our teaching practices are focussed on the needs of individuals.

All children and young people have personalised timetables and curriculums that are designed to meet both their educational and social and emotional needs. The curriculum diet that is provided aims to help prepare children and young people for their lives beyond the campus by equipping them with the academic, independence and life skills that they need to succeed.

Our teachers have high expectations of all children and young people and will set challenging targets and objectives to challenge individuals to reach their full potential. All staff that work with you child will be told about their individual needs and will adapt their lessons to meet these requirements.

We make the following adaptations to ensure all children and young people's needs are met:

- Differentiating our curriculum to ensure all children and young people are able to access it, for example, by grouping, 1:1 work/support, teaching style, content of the lesson etc.
- Adapting our resources and staffing
- Using recommended aids, such as laptops, coloured overlays, reading pens, visual timetables, larger font, etc.
- Differentiating our teaching, for example, giving longer processing times, pre-teaching of key vocabulary, reading instructions aloud, etc.
- We provide a combination of lessons in both academic subjects and social/emotional resilience as well as life skills.
- Strategies for staff working with children and young people are detailed in child and young person's individual support plans.
- All children and young people have a reduced timetable (as they have been deemed medically unfit for full time education) and these are adjusted individually.
- Access Arrangements are applied for and put in place as required.
- A mindfulness approach is adapted across the centre to help children and young people focus on their mental wellbeing and allow them to thrive and flourish

Learning Environment-The Building

- The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service has a brand new purpose designed building containing three classroom spaces and access to outdoor space. All classrooms within The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service have access to computer facilities and provide space where teaching can be adapted according to children and young people's needs e.g. bean bags, partitioned spaces, one-to-one teaching space and group space.
- The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service is all on one level and has ramp access with doors wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs.
- We have disabled toilet facilities.
- We can provide assistive technologies such as the use of a laptop.
- We are able to support the use of radio and hearing aids
- We are able to provide suitable workstations for children and young people as they require.
- A copy of the Nightingale Home and Hospital Service accessibility plan is available on the campus website.

Learning outside the classroom

- At The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service, we embrace the opportunity to extend our learning beyond the classroom and participate in lots of outdoor learning and trips.
- Activities are open to all children and young people. Discussions with parents/carers and providers take place as needed, and full risk assessments are carried out.
- Reasonable adjustments and additional staffing are utilised in line with specific child and young person's needs.



Monitoring young person Progress

At The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service, we have internal processes for monitoring the quality of provision and assessment of need. These include reviewing children and young people's individual progress toward their goals on a termly basis, reviewing the impact of interventions on a regular basis, using child and young person questionnaires, monitoring by the SENCO including the holding of annual reviews. All children and young people will be assessed upon entry to the campus and then set personalised targets and be provided with an appropriate curriculum/learning journey.

Assessing & Reviewing Progress Towards Outcomes

We will follow the graduated approach and the four-part cycle of assess, plan, do, review.

The class or subject teacher will work with the SENCO to carry out a clear analysis of the child and young person's needs. This will draw on:

- The teacher's assessment and experience of the child and young person, including both academic progress and progress with their soft skills (social, wellbeing, self-esteem, self-awareness and regulation and engagement).
- Their previous progress and attainment and behaviour
- Other teachers' assessments, where relevant
- The individual's development in comparison to their peers and national data
- The views and experience of parents/carers
- The child and young person's own views
- Advice from external support services, if relevant

The assessment will be reviewed regularly. All teachers and support staff who work with the child and young person will be made aware of their needs, the outcomes sought, the support provided, and any teaching strategies or approaches that are required. We will regularly review the effectiveness of the support and interventions and their impact on the child and young person's progress.



Reviewing EHCPs

All children and young people with EHCPs will have their progress towards the objectives within their EHCP formally reviewed at least annually. Objectives and the steps that children and young people need to achieve in order to satisfy the objective are used in the everyday planning of young person's lessons. All staff have overviews of a child and young person's EHCP objectives within their planning file and these are regularly annotated so that evidence can be collated on the progress that children and young people are making.

Termly meetings are carried out between staff members and the child and young person so that progress towards EHCP objectives can be measured and next steps can be considered and prioritised as appropriate.

Evaluating SEND Provision

We evaluate the effectiveness of provision for children and young people with SEND by:

- Reviewing child and young persons' individual progress towards their goals each term.
- Reviewing the impact of interventions each half term.
- Using child and young person questionnaires.
- Monitoring by the SENCO.
- Using provision maps to measure progress
- Holding annual reviews for young persons with EHC plans.
- Reviewing our whole campus SEND School Evaluation Form on a termly basis, ensuring that we are honest and rigorous in our assessments/evaluations of the service that is available.

Transition and Partnerships



Transition from other Schools

- Admission to the Nightingale Home and Hospital Service comes through either an application to the Inclusion Support and Assessment Panel or through an Educational Health and Care Plan. Prior to the child and young persons being presented at the ISAPP a detailed referral form will have been completed by a professional working with the child and young person and this will be accompanied by supporting evidence such as educational psychology reports and provision maps.
- Prior to starting at The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service, a home visit will be carried out and the service will liaise with home, medical professionals (where appropriate) and schools.
- Placements allocated at the ISAPP will be formally reviewed with all key parties after 5 weeks and again after 10 weeks.
- A gradual transition into Centre can be arranged.

The Hospital School Room

The nature of the service at the hospital means that children and young people work with the service for varying amounts of time, with the majority of children and young people having short stays in hospital.

For those children and young people who are experiencing longer/multiple stays in hospital, the service is committed to wherever possible following the child and young person's normal curriculum plan. Staff within the hospital room are committed to ensuring that they communicate effectively with home school and where possible follow current schemes of work to minimise any gaps in the young person's education.



Transition to other schools and further education/training

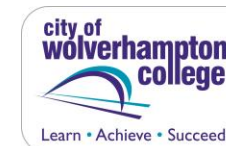
- At The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service we are happy to discuss and provide information to other providers as requested.
- We support transition back into mainstream schools/new providers using academic coaches. Nightingale staff are happy to support transition periods by accompanying young persons to new environments.
- Support children and young people to attend interviews and make applications for post 16 pathways.

Key Partners and Providers

Connexions is a free and impartial careers information, advice and guidance service for children and young people who live in Wolverhampton. They offer advice on:

- Choosing and exploring careers that will suit your skills and interests.
- Finding out key facts about different careers.
- Your options; from 6th form to college and from training providers to apprenticeships.
- Support with applying for courses, jobs and apprenticeships.

All children and young people at The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service will have support from the Connexions service and those children and young persons who have EHCPs will receive annual support and will complete the Prepared for Adulthood booklet.



Staying Informed

Children and young people are assessed in lessons regularly. Each term, assessment data is formally recorded and tracked, so that a child and young person's progress can be closely monitored. Reports on children and young people are published each term to parents/carers and each year there is a parents/carers evening where progress can be discussed. The Head of Centre and Assistant Head/SENDCO are always available to speak to at parents evening

The school regularly texts, emails or contacts parents/carers by phone to discuss any concerns or progress. Praise, rewards and behavioural concerns are logged and can be viewed by parents/carers on Marvellous Me

An Annual Review meeting is offered to the parents/carers of children and young people who are supported through an Education Health and Care Plan. This meeting, which can include the child and young person, will be to discuss and agree support programmes or review the support offer. We can arrange meetings on request, or through our SEND surgeries. There are a number of ways that parents can be involved in the school:

- Meetings with the SEND and children and young people Support Teams run throughout the year and can be requested by parents/carers
- Parents/carers evenings with subject teachers take place annually
- Key information published by the school
- Newsletters
- Support, advice and guidance sessions
- Support groups and family learning events
- Text, email and phone calls
- Parents can apply to become members of the Management Committee when vacancies arise

We are proud of the strong partnerships we have created with parents, children and young people and the community and place a high value on the comments and feedback that they provide in helping us to improve the school even further



Other sources of information (available via our website, or use the link provided):

- Accessibility plan – this outlines Lawnswood Campus's ongoing commitment to improve the physical environment of the school so that children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities are able to full access the educational curriculum, school facilities and our wider curriculum provision
- Access arrangements policy – this explains how we assess for and award special arrangements to support children and young people through exams.
- SEND Policy – this provides further information about our aims for supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Supporting Children and Young People with Medical Conditions Policy – this outlines the procedures in place for children and young people who require a care plan and care provision to be made.
- SEND guide for parents/carers - this is a government document outlining information for parents/carers around special educational needs and disabilities. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-guide-for-parents-and-carers>
- SEND Code of Practice: 0-25 years this is the formal document that provides all educational providers with guidance on statutory provision. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/send-code-of-practice-0-to-2>

Support for Parents/Carers

In order to support parents/carers we have created a Padlet of support. The Padlet contains a range of resources and links to local/national organisations. Please click on the link below.

<https://padlet.com/erushton3/z40sf5deeoysdo9>

If you wish to meet to discuss your child's progress further, then you can email, call or arrange an appointment to meet with:

- The Head of Service
- The Deputy Headteacher/ SENDCO
- Your child's Keyworker
- The Subject Teacher or Head of Subject



Who to Contact in Centre/How we Communicate?



Consulting and involving Young People and Parents/Carers

| Name | Role | Contact details |
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| Lindsay Watson | Campus Lead, Head of Service Nightingale Home and Hospital Service. Designated Safeguarding Lead | Lwatson@lawnswoodcampus.co.uk 07394 573290 |
| Emma Rushton | Deputy Head of Service/SEND/CO/ Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead | Erushton@lawnswoodcampus.co.uk 07394 573301 |
| Natalie Burton | Administrative assistant Nightingale | nburton@lawnswoodcampus.co.uk 01902 555194 |

Due to the nature of the service and as a consequence of transporting many of our young people into centre, parents and carers are communicated with on a regular and often daily basis. We understand the value and impact that effective frequent dialogue can have on all parties. Involving parents and young people in the dialogue is central to our approach and we do this through:

- Initial parental induction meeting/home visit
- Completion of About Me Induction Pack
- Transition review meetings at 5 and 10 weeks
- Regular review meetings
- Parent/Carer questionnaires
- Child and Young Person questionnaires
- Termly written report
- Annual review (for children and young people with EHCPs)
- Parents/Carers Evening

The contact number for the main switch board is 01902 555194

Expertise of Staff
Staff at The Nightingale Home and Hospital Service hold a wide range of qualifications to allow them to offer specialist support to children and young people. These qualifications include (but are not exclusive to):

- The SENDCo qualification
- Access Arrangements assessment qualifications
- Mental Health First Aid
- MISP (Mindfulness)
- Safeguarding training
- Autism

In addition to this staff engage in regular CPD on sessions including those on specific learning difficulties and any others that are pertinent to supporting those children and young people in front of us.

Complaints
The SEND provision within our service is co-ordinated by the SENDCo. Our SENDCo is Mrs Emma Rushton who can be contacted at the school by email erushton@lawnswoodcampus.co.uk or by phone 07394 673301. Our complaints procedure is available on our website. This enables parents / carers of all registered young people to raise a concern. Please note that appeals and complaints about decisions taken by the local authority should be made to that body. The complaints procedure cannot be accessed to resolve such complaints. For parents who require additional independent advice and support, there is a service available within Wolverhampton area. The Wolverhampton SENDIASS service can be contacted by phone on 01902 556945 or by email on ias.service@wolverhampton.gov.uk.