



School Information

Referral Routes for Sparkhouse Alternative Provision

Sparkhouse is a local alternative provision approved by GCC. This means the following referral routes are possible, provided the young person has a Gloucestershire postcode. Schools are, of course, able to commission the provision using any funding available to them, but we are aware of the challenges around this. Here are some referral routes outside of the notional budget:

1. We are on the list of approved providers for Section 19 requests and we are listed in the Alternative Provision catalogue. As you will be aware, young people will need to be on the graduated pathway and ordinarily on a My Plan + for these referrals to be successful.
2. Stroud and Cotswolds Inclusion team are aware of our provision. TALC are able to fund Sparkhouse for young people who meet their criteria, and for who they feel we would be a suitable provider.
3. For young people with an EHCP, we are able to either provide a holistic experience to support a young person to progress towards their outcomes, and / or deliver Section F provision linked to specific Section E outcomes.
4. GCC and EIS have confirmed that parents are able to self fund if schools agree to a flexi-schooling agreement. We explain to parents that schools do not need to agree to flexi-schooling and head teachers will do this at their own discretion.

. If you have any further questions about this, do not hesitate to drop us an email. We are qualified in IPSEA SEN law level 3 and have a detailed understanding of Gloucestershire processes.