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Dear Sir

DECISION MAKING FOR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS - AN INTER-SERVICE RESOURCE PACK DEVELOPED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

The above publication has been developed for managers and professionals in education, health and social services by the Institute of Education, Oxford Polytechnic and the National Children's Bureau. It has been written for all those who have a major responsibility for the operation of the statutory assessment and statementing procedures under the 1981 Education Act.

Authorities will already have agreed policies and processes for dealing with the procedures under the 1981 Education Act. Revised guidance on health and social service involvement in this process will be issued shortly under cover of a HN/LASSL. This will take into account the implications for children with special educational needs of the 1988 Education Reform Act and the effect of the national curriculum. We hope the findings and suggestions made in this resource pack will be of help to authorities in the further development of local arrangements.

Attached is a background note which gives brief details on the content of the pack and where any further copies can be obtained.

One copy of the pack is enclosed for each health authority. I should be grateful if it could be drawn to the attention of your professional and administrative colleagues as appropriate. Copies of the pack are also being sent to Directors of Social Services and by the Department of Education and Science to local education authorities.

Yours faithfully

J Middleton

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The guidance in this letter will be cancelled and deleted from the current communication index on 1 December 1989

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Details

The Pack is in three parts:

The Operational Manual

Containing:

- * Advice on the effects of the 1988 Act on special education
- * A discussion of the questions facing those operating the statutory assessment procedures
- * A detailed guide to the procedures based on a flowchart
- * Advice on how to make the procedures as efficient, effective and sensitive as possible.

The Source-book

Containing:

- * Research findings on the implementation of the 1981 Education Act
- * Commentary on the implications of the findings for Education, Health and Social Services
- * Ideas for action by all those concerned with special educational needs
- * Evaluation checklists and exercises.

The Training Guide

Containing:

- * Background on management of change ideas
- * Description of a strategy for managing change across three services for children with special educational needs
- * Advice on implementing the 1988 Act
- * Photocopiable handouts for use during training events
- * Worked examples of the training programme in action
- * The Guide is also relevant to new social services legislation.

The Pack

The Pack costs £45.00 complete (plus £3.95 postage and packing).

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