

# DARS



## DISPUTE AVOIDANCE & RESOLUTION SERVICE

The Dispute Avoidance and Resolution Service came into effect on 1 September 2005 as part of the Special Education and Disability Order (SENDO)

The aim of this regional service is to provide opportunities to resolve disagreements pertaining to the special educational provision being made for a child or young person

The disagreements may have arisen between a Parent /Guardian and either a School or Education and Library Board

The DARS will provide:

- an independent, informal forum
- a neutral venue for meeting
- an impartial facilitator
- an opportunity to engage in open communication
- a service which is voluntary and confidential
- an opportunity to identify agreed action

Should you wish to make direct contact with a member of the DARS Team you may do so at:

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Further information may be obtained from the Department of Education's Supplement to the Code of Practice on the Identification and Assessment of Special Educational Needs - 1 September 2005

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