

SEND HELP: SUPPORT GROUPS

ADHD:

Adders.org

Information and support forum for those with ADD/ADHD

www.adders.org

National Attention Deficit Disorder information and Support Services (ADDISS)

Resources and information regarding ADHD

www.addiss.co.uk

AUTISM/ASD:

Asperger Foundation UK (ASF)

Support for individuals with Asperger's Syndrome

www.aspergerfoundation.org.uk

National Autistic Society (NAS)

Help and information for anyone affected by autism

www.autism.org.uk

BULLYING:

Bullying UK

Support and advice on bullying

www.bullying.co.uk

Childline

Advice and support for those suffering from bullying.

www.childline.org.uk

CEREBRAL PALSY:

Scope

Offers support for disabled people across the UK towards access and inclusion.

0808 800 3333

www.scope.org.uk

DOWN SYNDROME:

Down's Syndrome Association

Information, support and training for those affected by Down's Syndrome.

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

DYSLEXIA:

British Dyslexia Association (BDA)

Information and support for individuals with dyslexia.

They will be able to advise you about local support groups who might be able to support you independently.

www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

PATOSS

The Professional Association of Teachers of Students with Specific Learning Difficulties.

A national and international association of specialist teachers. The association aims to establish and maintain the professional status of those qualified to teach and assess students with specific learning difficulties, in addition to enabling members to update and extend their knowledge and skills. They advise the JCQ regarding developments in assessment for access arrangements. They do not offer advice for parents.

www.patoss-dyslexia.org

DYSPRAXIA:

Dyspraxia UK

Helps children, parents and young people who require a diagnostic assessment for dyspraxia/DCD.

www.dyspraxiauk.com

The Dyspraxia Foundation

Membership organisation offering information and advice for individuals with dyspraxia

Helpline: 01462 454986

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

EPILEPSY:

Epilepsy Action

Advice and information on epilepsy

www.epilepsy.org.uk

FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME:

The FASD Trust

Information and advice

www.fasdtrust.co.uk

The National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome UK

Support for those affected by the syndrome

www.nofas-uk.org

GENERAL SEND:

British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD)

Working with central government to shape policy for individuals with learning disabilities, Bild offers a wealth of advice and information for parents of children with SEND or for adults with Learning Disabilities.

0121 415 6960

E: enquiries@bild.org.uk
www.bild.org.uk

Contact a Family

National charitable organisation which helps families who care for children with any SEND, including offering legal advice. Provides details of local support groups.

Freephone helpline: 0808 808 3555
info@cafamily.org.uk
www.cafamily.org.uk

Council for Disabled Children (CDC)

Umbrella body for disabled children's sector in the UK, with links to other nations and most national organisations for SEND. It works to influence national policy that impacts children with SEN and/or disabilities.

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk



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Mencap

National organisation with international links offering support for families of children with severe learning difficulties

E: information@mencap.org.uk
www.mencap.org.uk

Ofsted (Office for standards in education, Children's Services and Skills)

The regulatory body which inspects educational establishments to ensure excellence in education and care for learners of all ages.

www.ofsted.gov.uk

Parents are able to voice concerns about their child's school directly to Ofsted (but not about specific individuals).

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Pre-school Learning Alliance

This is the main independent support network for pre-schools and will lobby parliament over relevant legislation.

020 7833 0991

E: pla@pre-school.org.uk
www.pre-school.org.uk

SENDirect

Central database for all services related to children and young people with SEN and Disabilities

www.sendirect.org.uk

HEARING IMPAIRMENT:

Action on Hearing Loss

Hearing impairment charity

www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

National Deaf Children's Charity

Charity to help deaf children and young people

www.ndcs.org.uk

HOME EDUCATION:

The Home Education Network UK

National organisation for home educators

www.thenut.com

MENTAL HEALTH:

Mind

Supporting any individual with mental health difficulties, running a network of support groups across the UK.

www.mind.org.uk

Young Minds

Committed to promoting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people by offering training for professionals/parents and support for children and young people with mental health needs

www.youngminds.org.uk

SEN LAW AND POLICY:

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

Legal advice and support for parents.

www.ipsea.org.uk

SPEECH, LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION:

Afaisic

Charitable organisation helping children and young people with speech and language impairments and their families. It is a member organisation providing a telephone helpline, conferences, publications and support through local groups.

Helpline: 0300 666 9410

www.afaisic.org.uk

Communication Matters

Support for people with little or no clear speech.

www.communicationmatters.org.uk

I CAN

Provides advice and support for parents of children with speech, language and communication needs.

02078432544

E: info@ican.org.uk

www.ican.org.uk

'I Can' also run Talking Point an information sharing site which relates to children with early speech, language and communication difficulties (0-5 years)

www.talkingpoint.org.uk

E: help@ican.org

The Communication Trust

Raising awareness of SLCN

www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk



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VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

National Blind Children's Society

Support and services for parents and carers of blind children.

www.nbcs.org.uk

RNIB - Royal National Institute for the Blind

Supporting all individuals with visual impairment and/or multisensory impairment.

www.rnib.org.uk/