



Devon's Local Offer for SEND information on education, health and social care services and how to access them for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities from birth to 25

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/special-educational-needs-and-disability-send-local-offer>



Pinpoint - A searchable database of activities, services and support groups in Devon. Search by keyword and/or area www.pinpointdevon.co.uk



Devon Information, Advice and Support Service (DIAS) - Provide children and young people from 0-25 who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities and their parents or carers with legally based and easily accessible information about Education, Health and Social Care. A free, confidential and impartial service which is funded by Devon County Council 01392 383080 email: devonias@devon.gov.uk www.devonias.org.uk



Devon Parent Carers Voice (DPCV) - A charity run by parent carers, for parent carers of children or young people aged 0-25 with additional needs. A chance to meet with others to share ideas, keep up-to-date with the latest legislation and feed back into the Devon Health, Social Care and Education sectors through forums and events 07975 506069 or 07794 233249 email: mail@dpcv.org.uk www.dpcv.org.uk



Quids for Kids (Q4K) – This service is funded by Devon County Council and delivered by the Citizens Advice Bureau. You can call for a free

entitlement check and confidential advice 0300 5000 404 www.cabdevon.org.uk



Devon Carers – A free information, advice and support service for carers. They have a regular newsletter online and also run **Carewise** – a support service for young carers, providing trips and drop-ins at various centres throughout Devon. 08456 434 435 www.devoncarers.org.uk



Devon Autism Alert Card – A free card for people aged over 11 with an autism diagnosis. The card can be useful in emergency situations. The holders name and

unique reference number are embossed on it. Apply online: www.dimensionsforliving.org. Call: 07421 778809 or email: autismcard@dimensionsforliving.org for an application form.



The National Autistic Society (NAS) – The NAS have lots of useful resources on their website including; ‘After your child’s diagnosis’

<http://www.autism.org.uk/about/diagnosis/children/recently-diagnosed.aspx>

There is an autism helpline: 0808 800 4104 open Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm, Friday 9am-3pm. They also have a **Parent to Parent service**, which is a confidential telephone support service provided by trained volunteers from their own homes: 0808 800 4106.



Autism Education Trust (AET) – The AET supports effective education practice. Online they have advice on choosing an ASC friendly school, how parents and schools can work together and strategies everyone can use for supporting children with ASC. The website also has a useful section on receiving and understanding an ASC diagnosis

www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk



Sensory Integration Network – The SI Network is free to join and provides members with up to date information and breaking news about the developments in Sensory Integration theory, practice and research. 0118 324 1588 www.sensoryintegration.org.uk



BIS-net is part of the Charity organisation CEDA and provides several services for parents and carers of any individual with behaviour support needs, including those on the Autistic Spectrum. There are parent/carer workshops running throughout the year, as well direct services for parents in the form of behavioural support for challenging or aggressive situations in the home, family therapy and support for developing an individual's social and emotional abilities using a programme called RDI [Relationship Development Intervention.] Please contact us on: 01392 813028. 07715068494. Sam.h@cedaonline.org.uk www.bis-net.org.uk



South West Autism Support Services - provide a range of services including; training, parent support, sibling support and enabling.

South West Autism CIC – A not-for-profit Community Interest Company running a number of support groups for families and children with an autistic spectrum disorder (firm diagnosis not needed). 07580 225057/07582 608641 gmccullagh@sky.com www.southwestautismsupport.com



Appcessible – A search facility to find the best and most useful apps for all Apple and Android devices for all types of additional needs www.appcessible.org

Cygnets and Early Bird Courses – Training courses for parents of children with ASC Early Bird (2-5 years) and Cygnets (5-7 years). Early Bird is run in Exeter, Cygnets is run regularly at venues across Devon. Contact the centre where your child received a diagnosis for information on how to book onto courses.



DISCplus Information Co-ordinators Identify grant sources, specialist activities, equipment and any other general enquiries relating to children with additional needs. They also produce a newsletter 3 times a year

<http://devon.integratedchildrensservices.co.uk/> (click on the newsletter icon on the bottom left of the screen for the latest edition). If you have a query or would like to receive the newsletter on a regular basis contact either; Amanda (Northern Devon) amanda.smithson@devon.gov.uk or Kris (Southern Devon) kristine.taylor@devon.gov.uk



DISCplus are now on Facebook, like the DISCplus page for regular updates on all things related to children with additional needs.

Local Autism Support groups:

North Devon Forum for Autistic Spectrum conditions and ADHD A parent/carer led support group for parents, carers and people with ASC/ADHD, although diagnosis is not essential. Membership is free and you will receive a regular newsletter, access to events and use of the free specialist ASC library, 07923 481332, email: info@ndfautism.co.uk <http://ndfautism.co.uk/>

POD Youth Group A Saturday group, based in Bideford, for everyone aged 11-25 with autism related needs email: janey.king@nas.org.uk 07901 643415.

Auchid A parent-to-parent support group. Auchid hold fortnightly coffee mornings in Exmouth and Tiverton as well as monthly evening meetings in Exeter and Exmouth. Everyone is welcome and attendance is free with no registration necessary. All venues are child friendly email: info@auchid.co.uk 07985 037624.

SOCOPS Social Opportunities (SOCOPS) is a registered charity providing support for children from 8-23 years of age with an Autistic Spectrum Condition and their families, a firm diagnosis isn't always needed. They run 2 clubs, SOCOPS (8-15 year olds plus siblings/families) in Countess Wear, Exeter. SOCOPS Plus in various locations in and around Exeter for those 15-23 years old, working on independent skills. Being a charity they keep contributions to a minimum. They have a hardship policy if this is ever an issue.
call/text: 07518 152267 email: socopsclub@hotmail.co.uk www.socops.org

Okehampton ADHD and ASC Support Group A support group for parents and carers of school aged children. The group meets once a month at the Ockment Centre and is there for families in whatever stage of the journey they are at, from their first inklings that their child may be affected by one of these conditions to living with it in the long term.
email: familysupport@communitylinks-sw.co.uk 07808 523111.

Asperations A weekly, term time group for children with Autism, Aspergers or ADHD aged 5 to 18 years and their families. Covers the Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams areas email: admin@asperations.co.uk 07719 414729.

NAS Exeter and East Devon ASC Parents and Supporters Group a monthly parent support group for mutual support, the group has bi-monthly speakers email: exeter@nas.org.uk 07804 493534.

The above groups are specifically for Autism support but there are many other inclusive support, social and sports groups which you can search for on Pinpoint www.pinpointdevon.co.uk or contact your local DISCplus co-ordinator for further information (see contact details on page 2)

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***This is not an exhaustive list, there may be other services in the area, we would be happy to include these.
If you have any additions, updates or amendments to this list please email
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