

Information Resource for Families of Children with Additional Needs or Disabilities

Support Groups & Networks

Organisation	Contact Name (where relevant)	Telephone Number	Email	Website	Additional information
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Local Services:

Autism Plus Ltd		01405 812128	info@autismplus.co.uk	www.autismplus.org	We are a leading charity providing services to adults and children with autistic spectrum disorders, learning disabilities and mental health difficulties.
Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT)		01924 896100	director@birt.co.uk	www.birt.co.uk	BIRT is a division of the Disabilities Trust and helps people regain lost skills, recover social independence and rebuild their lives following acquired brain injury. Services include assessment, rehabilitation, continuing rehabilitation and community based support
Partially Sighted Society		01302 323132 / 368998	doncaster@partsight.org.uk		For membership, mail order, printing, enlarging, general administration, advertisements in OCULUS and other publications, OCULUS distribution and free literature. Address: Queens Road, Doncaster, DN1 2NX
Epilepsy Action	Irene Beevers	Locally: 01302 783599 Nationally: 0808 800 5050	helpline@epilepsy.org.uk	www.epilepsy.org.uk	Doncaster branch meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at the Stirling Social Centre, Milton Walk, Hyde Park. Call Irene for more information.
Headway - The Brain Injury Association		Locally: 01302 892956 Nationally: 0808 800 2244	helpline@headway.org.uk	www.headway.org.uk	Headway Doncaster is a small branch offering local support and information. It depends on volunteers so the service is limited. We offer regular social meetings as well as educational talks.
Yorkshire Diabetes			info@yorkshirediabetes.com	www.yorkshirediabetes.com	The website is designed to share information, ideas and experience for both health professionals and people of all ages with diabetes.
Doncaster Autistic Society (DAS)	Marianne Bilbe	07816 660240	donautsoc@tiscali.net		A parent-led support group for people on the autistic spectrum and their families. It is run by a small committee - currently 6 parents of children of varying ages and degrees of autism. There are regular committee meetings which are open to all members. The society offers monthly coffee mornings where advice, support and information are available, and various activities for children and their families during the school holiday periods. The society has good knowledge about other agencies in the local area if required. Provides regular newsletters and information to keep members informed of events, progress and developments and is open to new suggestions and input from all members.
Cystic Fibrosis Trust - North England		Switchboard / General Enquiries 020 8464 7211	enquiries@cftrust.org.uk	www.cftrust.org.uk	Provides information, advice and support to families affected by Cystic Fibrosis and aims to ensure that people with the condition receives appropriate healthcare. Helplines: Support - 0300 373 1000 Benefits - 0300 373 1010 Welfare - 0300 373 1020

West Yorkshire AD/HD Support Group	Brenda Maw (Chairperson)	01924 863212 (Wakefield)			A support group for parents, sufferers and professionals who have an interest in Attention Deficit Disorder which meets on first Tuesday of each month 7.30pm - 9.30pm. A resource library is available for books, videos and audio cassettes for hire.
Little Rainbows Autism Group	Amanda Hoff (Chair)	Text: 07500 282120	littleirainbows@hotmail.co.uk	www.littlerainbowsgroup.wordpress.com	Provides support to families with young children affected by Autism and related disorders. Regular drop-in sessions, support group, family fun days, holiday activities, book loan service and newsletters
ADHD Information	Jan Kilburn	01302 322894 / 07921 338616	jan@roger.f9.co.uk		Will provide limited information and support for families who have children with ADHD in Doncaster
ADHD Yorkshire	Kate Mowbray (Chair)	01765 658878 / 07719 439522	kate.mowbray@btinternet.com	www.adhd-yorkshire.com	Hold support group meetings in different areas across Yorkshire. A range of information available on website.
Doncaster Partnership for Carers		01302 531333		www.doncastercarers.org.uk	Provides help and support to parent carers and holds regular coffee mornings and events Address: DPFC, 74 Church Lane, Cantley, Doncaster, DN4 6QD
Barnardo's Young Carers Project		01302 858697	doncasteryoungcarers@barnados.org.uk		Provides help and support to children and young people helping to care for their disabled siblings or parents Address: Barnado's Young Carers Project, 63a Warmsworth Road, Balby, Doncaster, DN4 0RP
Home Start Doncaster		01302 340856		www.homestartdoncaster.org.uk	A local resource that provides practical help in the home for families with children under 5 years of age.

National Services:

Unique		01883 330766	info@rarechromo.org	www.rarechromo.org	Unique is a source of information and support to families and individuals affected by any rare chromosome disorder and to the professionals who work with them.
Rett Syndrome Association UK		01582 798910	info@rettuk.org	www.rettuk.org.uk	Support for families who have received a diagnosis or who suspect to receive a diagnosis of Rett Syndrome.
BLISS - The Special Care Baby Charity		0500 618140	information@bliss.org.uk	www.bliss.org.uk	Dedicated to making sure that more babies born prematurely or sick in the UK survive and that each one has the best possible quality of life. Some newborn babies need a little extra special care when they are born and BLISS is dedicated to ensuring that the babies get the best care wherever they are born and that their parents and families get the support they need.
Down's Syndrome Association		0845 230 0372 (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)	info@downs-syndrome.org.uk	www.downs-syndrome.org.uk	Focuses solely on all aspects of living successfully with Down's Syndrome
FSID - Foundation for the Study of Infant Death		Helpline: 0808 802 6868	helpline@fsid.org.uk	www.fsid.org.uk	Supports families whose babies have died suddenly and unexpectedly. A wide range of publications and resources on reducing the risk of cot death and safe baby care.
Haemophilia Society		Helpline: 0800 018 6068	info@haemophilia.org.uk	www.haemophilia.org.uk	Information, advice and practical help for families affected by haemophilia and other bleeding disorders. Some local groups available.
SCOPE		0808 800 3333	response@scope.org.uk	www.scope.org.uk	Scope is a national disability organisation whose focus is people with cerebral palsy. We provide a range of support, information, advice and initial counselling

The Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy		0800 975 3100	jennifer@jtsma.org.uk	www.jtsma.org.uk	Dedicated to supporting people affected by the condition by providing information, support and advice about living with, or caring for someone with all types of SMA
Asthma UK		0800 121 6255	info@asthma.org.uk	www.asthma.org.uk	Offers help and advice to people affected by asthma. Kick Asthma adventure holidays for children with asthma give children and young people the information and confidence they need to understand and control their asthma.
The UK Thalassaemia Society		020 8882 0011	office@ukts.org	www.ukts.org	Information line available to provide information and advice to families affected by Thalassaemia
The Pituitary Foundation		0845 450 0375	helpline@pituitary.org.uk	www.pituitary.org.uk	Provides information and support to those living with pituitary disorders including patients, their relatives, families and carers.
NASPCS - The charity for incontinent and stoma children		01560 322024	john@stoma.freereserve.co.uk	www.naspcs.co.uk	To provide a contact and information service for parents on the day-to-day management of all aspects of coping with a child with either a colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy. We also try to give advice on the incontinence often encountered with bowel and bladder problems.
Allergy UK		01322 619898	info@allergyuk.org	www.allergyuk.org	Provides up to date information on all aspects of allergy, food intolerance and chemical sensitivity. If you think you may have an allergy or intolerance then the fully trained helpline staff will be able to guide you to the appropriate specialist and provide you with practical advice and support in managing your symptoms
The Anaphylaxis Campaign		Helpline: 01252 542029	info@anaphylaxis.org.uk	www.anaphylaxis.org.uk	Provides information and support to families affected by severe allergies through their website, booklets, videos, DVD's, workshops and the telephone helpline.
Child Growth Foundation		020 8995 0257	info@childgrowthfoundation.org	www.childgrowthfoundation.org	Supports children, families of children and adults with growth related problems. It also funds research into possible solutions to these growth related disorders.
CLAPA (Cleft Lip & Palate Association)		020 7833 4883	info@clapa.com	www.clapa.com	Set up as a partnership between parents and health professionals providing support for new parents and for people with the condition and their families from infancy through to adulthood
CLIC Sargent		0800 197 0068	helpline@clicsargent.org.uk	www.clicsargent.org.uk	CLIC Sargent provides individual support to children and young people with cancer and leukaemia and their families through the provision of social workers, doctors, nurses, play specialists, family support programmes, youth programmes, holiday and respite breaks, homes from home and grants.
The National Deaf Children's Society		0808 800 8880	helpline@ndcs.org.uk	www.ndcs.org.uk	Dedicated to the support of all deaf children and young deaf people, their families and professionals working with them. Offers information, support, advocacy and provides opportunities for young people to develop social skills, confidence and independence.
Child Death Helpline		Helpline: 0800 282 986 Additional Freephone Number for all mobiles: 0808 800 6019		www.childdeathhelpline.org.uk	Provide a listening service that offers emotional support to all those affected by the death of a child and offers an opportunity for you to talk in confidence with someone who has also experienced the death of a child.
CICRA - Children with Crohn's & Colitis		020 8949 6209	support@circa.org	www.circa.org	Supports children and families and dedicated to creating a wider understanding of Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.
DEBRA - Helping people with the genetic skin blistering condition, EB		01344 771961	debra@debra.org.uk	www.debra.org.uk	DEBRA UK is the national charity working on behalf of people with the genetic skin blistering condition, Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)

ERIC - Education & Resources for Improving Childhood Continence		0845 370 8008 (Mon-Fri 10am-4pm)	info@eric.org.uk	www.eric.org.uk	ERIC provides support and information on all aspects of childhood continence, including bedwetting, day time wetting, soiling and constipation and for children with special needs. ERIC has a catalogue of resources available on request or downloadable from www.ericshop.org.uk
Headlines - Craniofacial Support Group		01454 850557 (Mon-Sun 9am-9pm)	info@headlines.org.uk	www.headlines.org.uk	Headlines is a support group for all conditions associated with Craniosynostosis including Apert Syndrome, Crouzen Syndrome, Pfeiffer Syndrome, Saethre-Chotzen Syndrome and Single Suture Craniosynostosis.
Huntingdon's Disease Association		0151 298 3298	info@hda.org.uk	www.hda.org.uk	Support and advice for anyone linked in any way to Huntingdon's Disease. We also provide information and advice to families, friends and healthcare professionals who support people with Huntington's disease.
Hyperactive Children's Support Group		01243 551313	hyperactive@hacsg.org.uk	www.hacsg.org.uk	The support group is a charity which has been successfully helping ADHD/Hyperactive children and their families for over 25 years. The HACSG is Britain's leading proponent of a dietary approach to the problem of hyperactivity
SIA - The Spinal Injuries Association		0800 980 0501 (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm & 2pm-4.30pm)	sia@spinal.co.uk	www.spinal.co.uk	SIA represent people who sustain spinal cord injuries and their interests regardless of how the impairment occurred, whether or not it has resulted in full or partial paralysis. We support all those who are affected by spinal cord injury including the family and friends of the disabled person.
RNID		Telephone: 0808 808 0123 Textphone: 0808 808 9000	informationline@rnid.org.uk	www.rnid.org.uk	Support for deaf and hard of hearing people by providing free information via our helplines, running vital services, supporting scientific and technological research and running the RNID Typetalk telephone relay service.
Special Kids in the UK				www.specialkidsintheuk.org	Special Kids in the UK is a member based charity offering contact information and support for families with special needs and disabilities throughout the UK. On-line forum available.
British Heart Foundation		Medical Information 0300 330 3311 (Mon-Fri 9am-6pm)	supporterservices@bhf.org.uk	www.bhf.org.uk	Provides information and support for rehabilitation and patient care
The Compassionate Friends		0845 123 2304 (10am-4pm & 7pm-10pm)		www.tcf.org.uk	The Compassionate Friends is a charitable organisation of bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents dedicated to the support and care of other bereaved parents, siblings, and grandparents who have suffered the death of a child / children.
Hyperactive Children's Support Group			hacsg@hacsg.org.uk	www.hacsg.org.uk	Helps children with behavioural, sleeping and learning problems mainly through diet and other environmental needs.

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