There are many voluntary organisations concerned with special educational needs and disabilities, some also have online forums and local groups. The majority of organisation listed below able to give independent support when parents and/or carers require information and advice. They provide information to parents, carers, children and young people from within their own expertise, this information may be on their website, telephone, in writing or in person. There are also some company’s in the list below that provide products that may be useful to parents of children with SEN and/ or disabilities.

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| ORGANISATION | DESCRIPTION | CONTACTS |
| [Ability Net](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/)  [ability net logo.jpg](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/) | Provides advice and information about how computers and other digital technologies can help people with a range of conditions and impairments. Has a range of free downloadable factsheets and provides a helpline. | Website: [www.abilitynet.org.uk/](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0800 269 545  Use the [General Enquiries form](https://www.abilitynet.org.uk/how-contact-us) on the site  [twi](https://twitter.com/abilitynet)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/AbilityNet) |
| [Able2wear](http://www.able2wear.co.uk/)  [Able2 Wear - Disabled clothing and wheelchair clothing](http://www.able2wear.co.uk/) | Specialises in the design and manufacture of clothes for wheelchair users, or for anyone who has problems in finding essential clothing that fits properly. | Website: [www.able2wear.co.uk/](http://www.able2wear.co.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/able2_wear)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/Able2Wear-259017017502862/) |
| [About Learning Disabilities](http://www.aboutlearningdisabilities.co.uk/) | Provides a website with extensive information and advice | Website: [www.aboutlearningdisabilities.co.uk/](http://www.aboutlearningdisabilities.co.uk/) |
| [ACE Centre Advisory Trust](http://www.ace-centre.org.uk/)  [ace centre logo.jpg](http://www.ace-centre.org.uk/) | Provides info & experience in microelectronics as an aid to communication. Services inc. Detailed assessments of individuals & software development & multi-disciplinary training. | Website: [www.ace-centre.org.uk/](http://www.ace-centre.org.uk/)  Email: [info@ace-centre.org.uk](mailto:info@ace-centre.org.uk) |
| [Action against allergies](http://actionagainstallergy.org/)  [Action Against Allergy](http://actionagainstallergy.org/) | Provides information, advice and support to people made chronically ill through allergy and those who care for them | Website: <http://actionagainstallergy.org/>  Helpline: 020 8892 2711  Email: [help@actionagainstallergy.org](mailto:help@actionagainstallergy.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/AAAllergy) |
| [Action for Sick Children](http://www.actionforsickchildren.org.uk/)  [Action4SickChildren](http://www.actionforsickchildren.org.uk/) | Action for Sick Children’s mission is to ensure that healthcare in the UK meets the unique needs of all children and young people and their families. | Website: [www.actionforsickchildren.org.uk/](http://www.actionforsickchildren.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0800 074 4519  (Mon to Friday, 9.30am - 4.30pm)  [twi](https://twitter.com/Action4SickCh)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ActionforSickChildren) |
| [Association for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis](http://www.afme.org.uk/) | Online information resource about Mayalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME) | Website: [www.afme.org.uk/](http://www.afme.org.uk/) |
| [Action on Hearing Loss](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx)  *[Formerly Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID)](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx)*  [ActionOnHearingLoss](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx) | Provides a range of services for deaf and hard of hearing people and associated professionals. | Website: [www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx](http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/default.aspx)  Hearing Loss Helpline: 0808 808 0123 Textphone 0808 808 9000 |  SMS 0780 0000 360  [informationline@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:informationline@hearingloss.org.uk)  Tinnitus Helpline: 0808 808 6666 Textphone 0808 808 9000  SMS 0780 0000 360  [tinnitushelpline@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:tinnitushelpline@hearingloss.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/ActionOnHearing?ref_src=twsrc%5etfw)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/actiononhearingloss) |
| [Action on Pain](http://www.action-on-pain.co.uk/) | Provides support & advice for people affected by chronic pain. Run entirely by volunteers all of whom are affected by chronic in one way or another. Signpost to services rather than able to give medical advice. | Website: [www.action-on-pain.co.uk/](http://www.action-on-pain.co.uk/)  PainLIne: 0345 6031593  (Monday to Friday 10-4 & answerphone on out of hours) |
| [ADDers.org ADD/ADHD Online Information](http://www.adders.org/)  [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Online Information](http://www.adders.org/) | Objective is to promote awareness to ADD, ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and to provide information and as much free practical help as we can to those affected by the condition, both adults and children and their families. | Website: [www.adders.org/](http://www.adders.org/)  [twi](http://twitter.com/adders_org)[fb](http://www.facebook.com/adders.org) |
| [ADDISS](http://www.addiss.co.uk)  [http://www.addiss.co.uk/addisslogo.gif](http://www.addiss.co.uk) | Provides people-friendly information & resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance - parents, sufferers, teachers or health professionals. | Website: [www.addiss.co.uk](http://www.addiss.co.uk)  Tel: 020 8952 2800  Email: [info@addiss.co.uk](mailto:info@addiss.co.uk) |
| [Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)  [ACE Education](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk) | Independent free advice on all aspects of state education. Regular magazine, ACE Bulletin, provides up-to-date information on current issues & sign posts key publications and reports. Training course for professionals working with parents of children with SEN. | Website: [www.](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)[a](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)[c](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)[e](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)[-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)  Adviceline: 0300 0115 142 (Mon- to Wednesday, 10am to 1pm. Term time only)  Email: [enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ace-ed.org.uk) - for general queries about ACE and its services.  [twi](https://twitter.com/ACEeducationUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ACE-Education-389069394605741/) |
| [Allergy UK](http://www.allergyuk.org/)  [http://www.allergyuk.org/templates/default/images/allergy-uk-logo-strap.png](http://www.allergyuk.org/home) | Provides information and advice in relation to Allergies. Online information includes Allergy resources for schools | Website: [www.allergyuk.org/](http://www.allergyuk.org/)  Allergy Helpline: 01322 619898  [twi](https://twitter.com/AllergyUk1)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/allergyuk) |
| [Anti-Bullying Network](http://www.antibullying.net/)  anti bullying logo.jpg | Online resource about bullying and how to deal with it. | Website: [www.antibullying.net/](http://www.antibullying.net/) |
| [Association for all Speech Impaired Children (AFASIC)](http://www.afasic.org.uk/)  [Afasic](http://www.afasic.org.uk/) | Provides support & info for families, carers, children & young people with speech & language impairments. Also see-I CAN | Website: [www.afasic.org.uk/](http://www.afasic.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0300 666 9410  (Monday and Tuesday, 9.15am - 2.30pm  Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.30am - 2.30pm)  Or email using their [online enquiry form.](http://www.afasic.org.uk/help-for-your-child/afasic-helpline/helpline-email-enquiry-form/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/afasic)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/Afasic.Charity/) |
| [Association of Young People with ME (Myalgic Ence-phalomyeliits)](http://www.ayme.org.uk)  [AYME](http://www.ayme.org.uk/web/guest) | Offers cheerful support to young people with ME and their families. Has a medical, educational and psychological advisor and primarily exist to support our members and put them in touch with each other so they don’t feel so isolated. Membership free to sufferers under 25yrs of age | Website: [www.ayme.org.uk](http://www.ayme.org.uk)  Helpline: 0330 2211223 (Monday to Friday, 10am - 2pm)  Email: [info@ayme.org.uk](mailto:info@ayme.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/AYME_UK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/AYME.UK/) |
| [Asthma uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)  [Asthma UK](https://www.asthma.org.uk/) | Offers help & advice to sufferers & carers. Produces literature on all aspects of asthma. Asthma nurses man the helpline | Website: [www.asthma.org.uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)  Helpline: 0300 222 5800  (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm)  For non medical enquiries only  Email: [info@asthma.org.uk](mailto:info@asthma.org.uk) |
| [ATAXIA – 16/30](http://www.ataxia.org.uk/)  [a central nervous system disorder](http://www.ataxia.org.uk/)  [Ataxia UK](http://www.ataxia.org.uk/) | Provides info, advice & support to sufferers, their families, carers & professionals. Quarterly mag, info leaflets, videos & helpline. | Website: [www.ataxia.org.uk/](http://www.ataxia.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0845 644 0606  (Monday-Thursday 10:30am-2:30pm)  Email: [helpline@ataxia.org.uk](mailto:helpline@ataxia.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/AtaxiaUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ataxiauk) |
| [Autism Education Trust](http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/)  [http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/~/media/AET2/Logo/aet.ashx](http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/) | Free online information and resources | Website: [www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/](http://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/stammer)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/stammeringbsa) |
| [beat (beating eating disorders)](https://b-eat.co.uk/)  [Beat](https://b-eat.co.uk/) | Provides information, advice & support for people and their families affected by anorexia & bulimia.  [Beat Adult Helpline](https://b-eat.co.uk/support-services/helpline) is open to anyone over 18. Parents, teachers or any concerned adults should call the adult helpline.  [Beat Youthline](https://b-eat.co.uk/support-services/helpline) is open to anyone under 25. | Website: <https://b-eat.co.uk/>  **Help for adults** Helpline: 0345 634 1414 (Monday to Wednesday, 1pm to 4pm)  Email: [help@b-eat.co.uk](mailto:%20help@b-eat.co.uk)  **Help for young people** Youthline: 0345 634 7650 (Monday to Wednesday, 1pm to 4pm)  Email: [fyp@b-eat.co.uk](mailto:fyp@b-eat.co.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/beated)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/beating.eating.disorders) |
| [Blind Children UK](http://www.blindchildrenuk.org/)  [Blind Children UK](http://www.blindchildrenuk.org/) | Provides information and support to enable blind and partially sighted children and young people to achieve their educational and recreational goals. | Website: [www.blindchildrenuk.org/](http://www.blindchildrenuk.org/)  Support line: 0800 781 1444  [twi](https://twitter.com/blindchildrenuk)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/BlindChildrenUK) |
| [British Deaf Association (BDA)](http://www.bda.org.uk/)  [British Deaf Assoc](http://www.bda.org.uk/) | Believes that deaf people have the same rights to quality education as any other citizen throughout their lives which accepts their linguistic, cultural and social identity.  Works closely with other organisations in ensuring that the rights of deaf people are considered in all avenues of their lives. | Website: [www.bda.org.uk/](http://www.bda.org.uk/)  Tel: 020 7697 4140 SMS / FaceTime: 07795 410 724 ooVoo / Skype: bda.britdeafassoc (Video call available 12pm to 5pm, Monday to Thursday only)  Email: [bda@bda.org.uk](mailto:bda@bda.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/BDA_Deaf)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/BritishDeafAssociation) |
| [British Dyslexia Association](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/)  [british dyslexia association logo.jpg](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/) | National umbrella organisation aiming to support & inform with regard to dyslexia / specific learning difficulties. Info, advice & support. | Website: [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0333 405 4567  (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:10am-1pm)  Email: [helpline@bdadyslexia.org.uk](mailto:helpline@bdadyslexia.org.uk).  [twi](https://twitter.com/bdadyslexia)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/bdadyslexia) |
| [British Stammering Association](http://www.stammering.org/)  [Home](http://www.stammering.org/) | Offers support and impartial information to all whose lives are affected by stammering. | Website: [www.stammering.org/](http://www.stammering.org/)  Helpline: 0845 603 2001  Email: [info@stammering.org](mailto:info@stammering.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/stammer)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/stammeringbsa) |
| [Child Brain Injury Trust](http://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/)  [Child Brain Injury Trust](http://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/) | Provides non-medical services to families affected by childhood acquired brain injury across the UK. | Website: <http://childbraininjurytrust.org.uk/>  Helpline: 0303 303 2248  Email: [helpline@cbituk.org](mailto:helpline@cbituk.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/cbituk)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/childbraininjurytrust) |
| [Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (CSIE)](http://www.csie.org.uk/)  [Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education logo](http://www.csie.org.uk/) | Provides advice & information on education for all children and young people with disabilities / learning difficulties. | Website: [www.csie.org.uk/](http://www.csie.org.uk/)  Tel: 0117 353 3150  [twi](https://twitter.com/csie_uk)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ActionforSickChildren) |
| [Chicks](http://chicks.org.uk/about-us/)  [https://scontent-lhr3-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-1/c305.163.358.358/s160x160/11745500_10153383082630306_2666792161270247682_n.png?oh=60e332a4660823a1d6d57758cd8f5d17&oe=586EC12D](http://chicks.org.uk/about-us/) | National children's charity providing free respite breaks to disadvantaged children from all over the UK | Website: <http://chicks.org.uk/about-us/>  [twi](https://twitter.com/CHICKScharity)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/chickscharity) |
| [ChildLine](http://www.childline.org.uk/) | Free confidential 24 hr phone counselling to children. | Website: [www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/)  Tel: 0800 1111  [fb](https://www.facebook.com/Childline/) |
| [Children’s Legal Centre](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/)  [ChildrensLegalCentre](http://childlawadvice.org.uk/home/) | Free advice service on all aspects of law and policy affecting children and young people, including SEN. | Website: [www.childrenslegalcentre.com/](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/)  <http://childlawadvice.org.uk/home/>  Family law helpline: 0300 330 5480.  Education law helpline: 0300 330 5485.  (Monday - Friday between 8am to 6pm)  Email: [clc@essex.ac.uk](mailto:clc@essex.ac.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/CCLCUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/CCLCUK) |
| [Contact a Family](http://www.cafamily.org.uk/)  [Contact a Family](http://www.cafamily.org.uk/) | Provides information and support in relation to all SEN and also for rare conditions.  Find a local support group:-  <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/connect-with-families/parent-support-groups/find-a-local-support-group/> | Website: [www.cafamily.org.uk/](http://www.cafamily.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0808 808 3555 (Mon-Fri, 10-4)  Email: [info@cafamily.org.uk](mailto:info@cafamily.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/contactafamily)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/contactafamily) |
| [Council for Disabled Children (CDC)](http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/)  [CDC](http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/resources-and-help/im-parent) | Umbrella body for the disabled children's sector bringing together professionals, practitioners and policy-makers. Provides or links to lots of related information and resources. | Websites: <http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/>  <http://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/resources-and-help/im-parent>    [twi](https://twitter.com/cdc_tweets)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/councilfordisabledchildren) |
| [Cystic Fibrosis Trust](http://www.cftrust.org.uk)  [Cystic Fibrosis Trust](https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/) | Responsible for research, education & support in all areas of cystic fibrosis. | Website: [www.cftrust.org.uk](http://www.cftrust.org.uk)  Helpline: 0300 373 1000  or 020 3795 2184  Email: [helpline@cysticfibrosis.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cysticfibrosis.org.uk ) |
| [Deaf Education through Listening and Talking (DELTA)](http://deafeducation.org.uk/)  [DELTA](http://deafeducation.org.uk/) | Provides info, advice & practical help to parents to help their deaf child to listen & talk. | Website: <http://deafeducation.org.uk/>  Tel: 01440 783689  [twi](https://twitter.com/deafeducation)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DeafEducationThroughListeningAndTalking/) |
| [Diabetes UK](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)  [Diabetes UK home page](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/) | Provides lots of info about diabetes for the general public and health care professionals. Links directly to Teenzone, which contains a section called 'Diabetes in Schools' developed specifically for Wired for Health. | Websites: [www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)  <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Guide-to-diabetes/Kids/>  Helpline: 0345 123 2399  (Live chat also available 9am to 6.45pm, Monday to Friday)  Email: [info@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:info@diabetes.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DiabetesUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/diabetesuk/) |
| [Disability Law Service](http://www.dls.org.uk/)  [Disability Law Serv.](http://www.dls.org.uk/) | Provides free legal advice in the following areas of law:   * [Community Care Law](http://www.dls.org.uk/Pages/Community-Care.aspx) * [Employment Law](http://www.dls.org.uk/Pages/Employment-Law.aspx) * Disability Discrimination * [Welfare Benefits](http://www.dls.org.uk/Pages/Welfare-Benefits.aspx) | Website: [www.dls.org.uk/](http://www.dls.org.uk/)  Free Legal Adviceline: 0207 791 9800 (Mon-Fri, 10.30-1 & 2-4)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DLS_Law)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/disabilitylawservice) |
| [Disability Matters](https://www.disabilitymatters.org.uk/)  [Disability Matters - e-learning to inform and inspire](https://www.disabilitymatters.org.uk/) | Free e-learning resources about disabilities | Website: [www.disabilitymatters.org.uk/](http://www.disabilitymatters.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/disab_matters?ref_src=twsrc%5etfw) |
| [Disability Rights UK](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/)  [Disability Rights UK logo](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/) | Disabled people leading change, working for equal participation for all, who provide comprehensive information for young people and adults with disabilities. Lots of information on both Independent Living and Career Opportunities. | Website: [www.disabilityrightsuk.org/](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org/)  Students Helpline: 0800 328 5050  (11am-1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays)  Email: [students@disabilityrightsuk.org](mailto:students@disabilityrightsuk.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DisRightsUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/disabilityrightsuk/) |
| [Douglas Silas](http://www.specialeducationalneeds.co.uk/) | Free information on SEN law and a free App SEN.fyi 'Everything you wanted to know about SEN *​all in one place!'* | Website: [www.specialeducationalneeds.co.uk/](http://www.specialeducationalneeds.co.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/douglassilas)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/douglassilas) |
| [Down’s Syndrome Association](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/)  [Down's Syndrome Association](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/) | Provides info, support & advice for Down’s Syndrome sufferers & their families. Offers full time education advisor to help with advocacy & representation if necessary. | Website: [www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/](http://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/)  DSA Helpline: 0333 12\_12 300  (Monday to Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm)  Email: [info@downs-syndrome.org.uk](mailto:info@downs-syndrome.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DSAInfo)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/DownsSyndromeAssociation/) |
| [Dyslexia Action](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/)  [Dyslexia Action](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/) | Educational charity, for assessment, teaching people with dyslexia & training specialist teachers. Only national dyslexia teaching organisation in the world. Produces specialist teaching materials, inc. literacy programme on CD-ROM. | Website: [www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/](http://www.dyslexiaaction.org.uk/)  Free 30 minute advice sessions operated through a network of Learning Centres and teaching outposts - see details online  [twi](https://twitter.com/dyslexiaaction)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/DyslexiaAction) |
| [Dyslexia Trust](http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/) | A collaboration of voluntary and  community organisations with funding from the Department for Education to provide reliable information to parents, teachers, schools and the wider sector. | Website: [www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/](http://www.thedyslexia-spldtrust.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/dyslexiaspld)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/The-Autism-Education-Trust-222249855048/) |
| [Dyspraxia Foundation](http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk)  [http://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/wp-content/themes/DyspraxiaFoundationV1s13a/images/logo.png](http://dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk/) | Provides advice, information, support, professional & parental conferences and much more. | Website: [www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk](http://www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk)  Helpline: 01462 454986  (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm)  Email: [dyspraxia@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk](mailto:dyspraxia@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DYSPRAXIAFDTN?ref_src=twsrc%5etfw)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/dyspraxiafoundation/) |
| [Epilepsy Action](http://www.epilepsy.org.uk)  [Epilepsy Action](https://www.epilepsy.org.uk/) | Provides support, information, training, assessment, freephone helpline, publications & comprehensive website | Website: [www.epilepsy.org.uk](http://www.epilepsy.org.uk)  Helpline: 0808 800 5050  (Mon–Fri, 9-4.30pm (4 on Fri))  Email: [epilepsy@epilepsy.org.uk](mailto:epilepsy@epilepsy.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/epilepsyaction)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/epilepsyaction) |
| [Epilepsy Society](http://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/) [epilepsy society](http://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/) | Committed to increasing the awareness and understanding of epilepsy both among people whose lives are directly affected by the condition, and the wider public. | Website: [www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/](http://www.epilepsysociety.org.uk/)  Helpline: 01494 601 400  (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am - 4pm & Wednesday: 9am - 8pm)  Email: [helpline@epilepsysociety.org.uk](mailto:helpline@epilepsysociety.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/epilepsysociety)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/EpilepsySociety/) |
| [E-SENtials](http://educationandrights.blogspot.co.uk/p/sen-case-law.html)  [http://farm8.staticflickr.com/7177/6800716098_586f5f5b82_o.jpg](http://educationandrights.blogspot.co.uk/p/sen-case-law.html) | Blog on SEN caselaw | Website: <http://educationandrights.blogspot.co.uk/p/sen-case-law.html> |
| [Family lives](http://www.familylives.org.uk/)  *[Formerly Parentline UK](http://www.familylives.org.uk/)*  [header-logo.png](http://www.familylives.org.uk/) | Helpline for parents, run by volunteers who have been trained to listen. | Website: <http://www.familylives.org.uk/>  Helpline: 0808 800 2222  (Mon - Fri, 9am-9pm & 10 – 3 Sat, Sun)  [twi](https://twitter.com/familylives)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/familylives) |
| [Focus on Disability](http://www.focusondisability.org.uk/)  *[Formerly (DIAL UK)](http://www.focusondisability.org.uk/)*  [Focus on Disability](http://www.focusondisability.org.uk/) | Mobile-friendly website providing online support, information and products for disabled people, the elderly and their carers in the UK | Website: [www.focusondisability.org.uk/](http://www.focusondisability.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/DisabilityUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/FocusOnDisability.org.uk) |
| [Haemophilia Society](http://www.haemophilia.org.uk)  [logo](http://www.haemophilia.org.uk/) | Provides info & advice to sufferers and their families. | Website: [www.haemophilia.org.uk](http://www.haemophilia.org.uk)  Tel: 0207 939 0780  Email: [info@haemophilia.org.uk](mailto:info@haemophilia.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/HaemoSocUK)[fb](http://www.facebook.com/HaemophiliaSocietyUK) |
| [I CAN](http://www.ican.org.uk)  [I CAN Logo](http://www.ican.org.uk/) | Educational charity for children with speech & language difficulties. They run special schools and early year’s centres and run courses for professionals. | Website: [www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/icancharity)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/icantalk) |
| [InDependent Diabetes Trust](http://www.iddt.org/)  [IDDT](http://www.iddt.org/) | Organisation for people living with diabetes run by people living with diabetes | Website: [www.iddt.org/](http://www.iddt.org/)  Helpline: 01604 622837  (9.00 am to 4.30pm, Monday to Fridays)  [twi](https://twitter.com/uk_diabetes?lang=en)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/InDependentDiabetesTrust/) |
| [Independent Panel for Special Education Advice (IPSEA)](http://www.ipsea.org.uk/)  [https://www.ipsea.org.uk/assets/Ipsea/images/common/ipsea-logo-retina.png](https://www.ipsea.org.uk/) | Provides advice & info to parents whose children have SEN. Offers free second opinions & representation service for parents appealing to SEN Tribunal. | Website: [www.ipsea.org.uk/](http://www.ipsea.org.uk/)  Advice Line: 0800 0184016  Tribunal Helpline:  0845 602 9579  See website for opening hours  [twi](https://twitter.com/IPSEAcharity)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ipsea.page) |
| [ME Association (Myalgic Encephalomyelitis)](http://www.meassociation.org.uk/)  [ME Association](http://www.meassociation.org.uk/) | Supports all affected by ME by providing specialist info & advice services. Literature & self-help groups. Promotes research into causes, effect & treatment of the illness. Aims to increase public awareness of ME. | Website: [www.meassociation.org.uk/](http://www.meassociation.org.uk/)  Tel: 0844 576 5326.  (Every day of the week 10am-12, 2-4pm, 7-9pm)  [twi](https://twitter.com/MEAssociation?ref_src=twsrc%5egoogle|twcamp%5eserp|twgr%5eauthor)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ME-Association-171411469583186/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf) |
| [MENCAP](http://www.mencap.org.uk) | Support group & provider of services for learning disabled children, adults & their families. | Website: [www.mencap.org.uk](http://www.mencap.org.uk)  Tel: 0808 808 1111  (9am - 5pm Monday to Friday)    Email: [help@mencap.org.uk](mailto:help@mencap.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/mencap_charity)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/Mencap) |
| [Meningitis Now](https://www.meningitisnow.org/)  [Meningitis Now](https://www.meningitisnow.org/) | Provides a range of services for those touched by the disease including home visits, counselling, financial grants and information. | Website: <https://www.meningitisnow.org/>  Nurse-led helpline: 0808 80 10 388  Email:  [helpline@meningitisnow.org](mailto:helpline@meningitisnow.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/meningitisnow)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/MeningitisNow) |
| [Mental Health Foundation](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)  [Mental Health Fdn](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk) | All about mental illness and learning disabilities. Gives grants for research and community projects. | Website: [www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/mentalhealth)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/mentalhealthfoundation/) |
| [Mind Ed](https://www.minded.org.uk/)  [Logo](https://www.minded.org.uk/) | Provides free educational resources containing advice, guidance and information on managing a wide range of mental health issues in children and teens | Website: [www.minded.org.uk/](http://www.minded.org.uk/)  [fb](https://www.facebook.com/themindedtrust) |
| [Muscular Dystrophy Campaign](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org)MD logo.jpg | Provides practical and emotional support to sufferers & their carers. | Website: [www.muscular-dystrophy.org](http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org)  Helpline: 0800 652 6352 (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-6pm)  [twi](https://twitter.com/MDUK_News)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/musculardystrophyUK/) |
| [National Association for Mental Health (MIND)](http://www.mind.org.uk)  [Mind](http://www.mind.org.uk) | Offers training, information and advocacy service for all aspects of mental distress. | Website: [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)  Infoline: 0300 123 3393 (9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)  Text: 86463  Legal line: 0300 466 6463 (11am and 2pm Monday to Friday)  Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk) [twi](https://twitter.com/mindcharity)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/mindforbettermentalhealth) |
| [National Association of Special Educational Needs (NASEN)](http://www.nasen.org.uk/)  nasen logo.jpg | Aims to promote the development of children & young people with SEN. | Website: [www.nasen.org.uk/](http://www.nasen.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/nasen_org)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/nasen.org/) |
| [National Autistic Society (NAS)](http://www.autism.org.uk/)  [National Autistic Society Logo](http://www.autism.org.uk/) | Offers info, advice & support to people with Autism and Asperger syndrome, plus their families, carers & professionals. | Website: [www.autism.org.uk/](http://www.autism.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0808 800 4104 (Mon – Thurs , 10-4 & Fri 9-3)  Email: [autismhelpline@nas.org.uk](mailto:autismhelpline@nas.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/Autism)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/NationalAutisticSociety) |
| [National Deaf Children’s Society (NDCS)](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/)  [ndcs logo.jpg](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/) | Provides information, advice and support to families and carers of deaf children and young people. Also operates Text Phone. | Website: [www.ndcs.org.uk/](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/)  Voice/text helpline: 0808 800 8880 (Mon-Fri, 10-5)  Email: [helpline@ndcs.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ndcs.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/NDCS_UK?ref_src=twsrc%5egoogle|twcamp%5eserp|twgr%5eauthor)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/NDCS.UK/?fref=ts) |
| [National Eczema Society](http://eczema.org/)  [Eczema Society](http://eczema.org/) | Aims to provide comprehensive information and advice service and a campaigning voice on behalf of people with eczema. The site also includes a section specifically for teachers on eczema in schools. <http://eczema.org/eczema-at-school> | Website: <http://eczema.org/>  Helpline: 0800 089 1122 (Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm)  Email: [helpline@eczema.org](mailto:helpline@eczema.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/eczemasociety)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/eczemasociety/?fref=ts) |
| [Network 81](http://network81.org.uk/)  [Network 81 Logo](http://network81.org.uk/index.shtml) | National network of parents of children with SEN. Advises parents of the systems & methods they need to know in the assessment and statementing procedures. | Website: <http://network81.org.uk/>  Helpline: 0845 077 4055  Email: [Advice@network81.org.uk](mailto:Advice@network81.org.uk) |
| [Phab](http://phab.org.uk/)  [(Physically Disabled and Able Bodied)](http://phab.org.uk/)  [Phab UK](http://phab.org.uk/) | Promotes & encourages disabled and non-disabled people to come together on equal terms to achieve complete integration within the wider community. | Website: <http://phab.org.uk/>  [twi](https://twitter.com/phab_charity?lang=en-gb)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/Phab-568096016589312/) |
| [Rainbow Trust](http://rainbowtrust.org.uk/) | Provide support for families who have a child or young person up to the age of 18 with a life threatening or terminal illness are eligible for our services. | Website: <http://rainbowtrust.org.uk/>  [twi](https://twitter.com/rainbowtrustcc)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/RainbowTrust/) |
| [RNIB – (Royal National Institute for the Blind)](http://www.rnib.org.uk/)  [RNIB](http://www.rnib.org.uk/) | Promotes inclusion, support and independence for all people who are blind or partially sighted people in the UK | Website: [www.rnib.org.uk/](http://www.rnib.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0303 123 9999 (Mon-Fri, 8.45–5.30)  Email: [helpline@rnib.org.uk](mailto:helpline@rnib.org.uk) for advice.  [twi](https://twitter.com/rnib)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/rnibuk) |
| [SCOPE](http://www.scope.org.uk)  [Homepage - Scope logo](http://www.scope.org.uk/) | Organisation for people with cerebral palsy & associated disabilities, their families & carers. Provides support, info & advice. | Website: [www.scope.org.uk](http://www.scope.org.uk)  Helpline: 0808 800 3333 (9am-5pm weekdays)  Email: [helpline@scope.org.uk](mailto:helpline@scope.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/scope)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/Scope/?fref=ts&ref=br_tf) |
| [Self-Help UK](http://self-help.org.uk/)  [Self Help UK](http://self-help.org.uk/) | Advocating self-help for everyone  Extensive online directory | Website: <http://self-help.org.uk/>  [twi](https://twitter.com/selfhelpteam)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/SelfHelpUK/about/?entry_point=page_nav_about_item&tab=overview) |
| [SEN Magazine](https://senmagazine.co.uk/)  [SEN Magazine](https://senmagazine.co.uk/) | Free online articles from their subscription based magazine | Website: <https://senmagazine.co.uk/>  [twi](https://twitter.com/senmagazine)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/senmagazine/) |
| [Sense](http://www.sense.org.uk)  [Sense](https://www.sense.org.uk/) | Organisation supporting deafblind & sensory impaired children, adults, their families & carers. | Website: [www.sense.org.uk](http://www.sense.org.uk)  Tel: 0300 330 9256 or 020 7520 0972 Textphone: 0300 330 9256 or 020 7520 0972  Email: [info@sense.org.uk](mailto:info@sense.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/Sensetweets)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/senseuk) |
| [Sickle Cell Society](http://www.sicklecellsociety.org/) | Information about sickle cell disorders. | Website: [www.sicklecellsociety.org/](http://www.sicklecellsociety.org/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/SickleCellUK)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/SickleCellUK/) |
| [Shine Charity](http://www.shinecharity.org.uk/)  [shine logo.jpg](http://www.shinecharity.org.uk/) | Provides advice, practical support & information to people with spina bifida and or hydrocephalus, their families, carers and other professionals. | Website: [www.shinecharity.org.uk/](http://www.shinecharity.org.uk/)  Tel: 01733 555988  (Mon-Fri, 9-5)  [twi](https://twitter.com/shineukcharity?lang=en-gb)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ShineUKCharity/) |
| [Spinal Injuries Association](http://www.spinal.co.uk/)  [Spinal Injuries](http://www.spinal.co.uk/) | Offers info & advice about living with spinal cord injury. | Website: [www.spinal.co.uk/](http://www.spinal.co.uk/)  Advice Line: 0800 980 0501  Text: SIA and your enquiry to 81025  Email: [sia@spinal.co.uk](mailto:sia@spinal.co.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/spinalinjuries)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/SpinalInjuriesAssociation/?ref=mf) |
| [Talking point](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/)  [Home](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/) | Everything you need to know about supporting children’s speech and language development. information on children’s communication | Website: [www.talkingpoint.org.uk/](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/) |
| [The Ataxia-Telangiectasia Society (UK)](http://www.atsociety.org.uk)  [A-T Society](http://www.atsociety.org.uk) | Aim to alleviate the distress and suffering that A-T causes by Funding Research, Supporting Families and Raising Awareness | Website: [www.atsociety.org.uk](http://www.atsociety.org.uk)  Tel: 01582 760733 (Mon-Fri, 9-5)  Email: [info@atsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@atsociety.org.uk)  [twi](https://twitter.com/atsociety)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/ATSociety) |
| [The Children’s Society](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/)  [Children's Society](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/) | Helps children take charge of their own lives & change conditions which stand in their way. | Website:  [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/)  [twi](https://twitter.com/childrensociety?ref_src=twsrc%5egoogle|twcamp%5eserp|twgr%5eauthor)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/childrenssociety) |
| [The Family Trust Fund](http://www.familyfund.org.uk/)  [Family Fund](http://www.familyfund.org.uk/) | The purpose of the Family Fund is to ease the stress on families who care for very severely disabled children under 16, by providing grants and information related to the care of the child. | Website: [www.familyfund.org.uk/](http://www.familyfund.org.uk/)  Tel: 01904 621115  [twi](https://twitter.com/FamilyFund)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/familyfund) |
| [Together for Short Lives](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/)  [together for short lives logo.jpg](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/) | Speaks out for children and young people who are expected to have short lives. Together with everyone who provides care and support to these children and families, we are here to help them have as fulfilling lives as possible and the very best care at the end of life. Helps children and families make the most of their time together. | Website: [www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/)  Helpline: 0808 8088 100 (Monday-Friday 10am till 4pm, with answerphone outside those times)  [twi](https://twitter.com/Tog4ShortLives)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/togetherforshortlives) |
| [Tourette Syndrome (UK) Association](http://www.tourettesyndrome.co.uk/) | A neurological movement disorder. Provides support and information to sufferers and their families. | Website: [www.](http://www.tourettesyndrome.co.uk/)[tour](http://www.tourettesyndrome.co.uk/)[ettesyndrome.co.uk/](http://www.tourettesyndrome.co.uk/) |
| [Tuberous Sclerosis Association](http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/) | Supports individuals with TS & their carers, sharing problems & info. Employs care worker, operates benevolent fund & has specialist TS clinics. Hilary McGlynn TS Specialist Adviser (Central, South West and Wales) | Website: [www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/](http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/)  Tel: 01527 871898 (Mon-Fri, 9-5)  Email: [admin@tuberous-sclerosis.org](mailto:admin@tuberous-sclerosis.org)  [twi](https://twitter.com/UKTSA)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/thetsauk) |
| [Winston’s Wish](http://www.winstonswish.org.uk/) | Childhood bereavement charity in the UK | Website: [www.winstonswish.org.uk/](http://www.winstonswish.org.uk/)  Helpline: 08452 03 04 05  [twi](https://twitter.com/winstonswish?ref_src=twsrc%5egoogle|twcamp%5eserp|twgr%5eauthor)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/winstonswishcharity/) |
| [Young Epilepsy](http://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/)  [Young Epilepsy](http://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/) | Provide information and advice | Website: [www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/](http://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/)  Helpline: 01342 831342 (9:00 to 13:00, Monday to Friday)  [twi](https://twitter.com/youngepilepsy)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/YoungEpilepsy/) |
| [YoungMinds](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/)  [https://scontent-lhr3-1.xx.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-1/c6.0.160.160/p160x160/1982027_10152344164849915_2009530734230601450_n.jpg?oh=4a3cb5a2a79667ef61afec04b3903ca4&oe=585ED8BB](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/) | National charity committed to improving the mental health of all children. Services include the Parent’s Information Service, a Freephone helpline for anyone with concerns about the mental health of a child. | Website: [www.youngminds.org.uk/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/)  Parent helpline: 0808 802 5544  (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm)  Or use online contact form  [twi](https://twitter.com/youngmindsuk)[fb](https://www.facebook.com/youngmindsuk) |