



Factsheet

Condition Specific Information

A factsheet for parents/carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Skills for People have produced this factsheet with details of some local organisations and commonly used national organisations who provide condition specific information and support.

Autism

National Autistic Society (NAS) www.autism.org.uk 0808 800 4104

The NAS are the leading UK charity for autistic people (including those with Asperger syndrome) and their families. They provide information, support and pioneering services, and campaign for a better world for autistic people.



NAS Tyne and Wear Branch 07920 086299

The NAS Tyne and Wear branch hold parent/carer support meetings held at Thomas Bewick School and Shiremoor Children's Centre, Shiremoor on the second Wednesday of each month from 10am-11.30am.

Newcastle Autism Resource Centre 0191 229 6020 / 07884 117 741

This centre provides advice, information and support to people in the Newcastle area whose lives are affected by autism.

Down's Syndrome

Down's Syndrome Association www.downs-syndrome.org.uk 0333 1212 300

Their aim is to create the conditions that all people with Down's syndrome need to live full and rewarding lives. They provide a helpline and information on all aspects of living with Down's Syndrome.



Down's Syndrome North East www.dsne.org.uk 0870 765 2121

Provides advice and help for parents and carers. They organise social activities and workshops. Activities are advertised in a regular newsletter and monthly 'What's on Where'.



Dyslexia

British Dyslexia Association (BDA) www.bdadyslexia.org.uk 0333 405 4567

The BDA is the voice of dyslexic people. They aim to influence government and other institutions to promote a dyslexia friendly society, that enables dyslexic people of all ages to reach their full potential.



Dyslexia North East www.dyslexianortheast.org 0191 500 9778

A group of dedicated volunteers from all walks of life who care passionately about improving educational opportunities and support for those affected by Dyslexia and related conditions such as ADHD, Dyspraxia and Autism. Their members are parents, carers, health and educational professionals, as well as many others.



The National Deaf Children's Society www.ndcs.org.uk 0808 8880

The National Deaf Children's Society is the leading charity dedicated to creating a world without barriers for deaf children and young people. They have a wealth of online information, as well as factsheets, booklets and DVDs to download or order. There's information on audiology, financial support, education, technology, communication, and much more.



Epilepsy



Epilepsy Action www.epilepsy.org.uk 0808 800 5050 Tyneside 07756 721 831

Epilepsy Action is the UK's leading epilepsy organisation and exists to improve the lives of everyone affected by the condition. As a member-led association, they are led by and represent people with epilepsy, their friends, families and healthcare professionals. They offer confidential, personal advice.

Epilepsy Society www.epilepsysociety.org.uk 01494 601 400

Epilepsy Society is the UK's leading provider of epilepsy services. Through their cutting edge research, awareness campaigns, information resources and expert care, they work for everyone affected by epilepsy in the UK.



Young Epilepsy www.youngepilepsy.org.uk 01342 831342

A national charity working with children/young people aged 25 and under with epilepsy and associated conditions. They provide a range of support and advice for parents, children and young people.



Useful Vision www.usefulvision.org.uk 0845 604 8491

To provide accessible opportunities and activities to vision impaired children and their families, throughout the North East region, in order that the children can learn new skills and make new friends – reducing social isolation through increased confidence and self-esteem.



Mencap www.mencap.org.uk 0808 808 1111

They want a world where people with a learning disability are valued equally, listened to and included. They are here to improve the lives of people with a learning disability and their families now, and fight alongside them for a better future.



Scope www.scope.org.uk 0808 800 3333

Scope is a charity that exists to make this country a place where disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else. They provide information and advice for young disabled people, disabled adults and older disabled people.



Contact www.contact.org.uk 0808 808 3555

Helping families who care for disabled children. Contact (formerly Contact a Family) have an extensive A-Z list of conditions and where to go to get help: www.contact.org.uk/medical-information/conditions/



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