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# Local Offer Guide



**Find services, organisations,  
advice and support for children and  
young people with special  
educational needs and disabilities.**

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Dear Parent Carer,

By now **SEND Voices Wokingham** would have already hosted our Local Offer Live Family Information Day, which we run annually in partnership with the Wokingham Borough Council CAN (Children with Additional Needs) Network. However, like most things over the past 12 months, we are having to do things a bit differently!

Instead, we have produced this Local Offer Guide. Although not exhaustive, it gives you information about some of the organisations and services locally that can provide activities, help, information and support to you and your child aged 0-25 years with any Special Educational Need or Disability.

Thank you to all the local groups and services who provided information to go into this guide. The information provided is correct of March 2021. Please ensure you check individual websites for the most up-to-date information.

Thank you to Pam Breslin and the team at the CAN Network who we have worked in partnership with to send this guide to you.

We all hope that it will not be too long before we can hold face to face events again.

*The SEND Voices Wokingham Committee*

*Sarah, Jacky, Judith, Aleca, Kathy, Debbie, Lynn, Terri  
& Helen (on temporary break from Committee)*

P.S We are currently able to offer all our members a **FREE Max Card**. The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for families of children with additional needs age 0-25. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission. To join us complete our membership form at the back of this booklet or email us for more details: [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk).



**The independent voice of families,  
representing their experiences to  
improve lives**

## **What do we do?**

We give a voice to families, who like ours, have a child or young person aged 0-25 years with any Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND). We work in partnership with education, health, social care, and other service providers to make sure the services they commission, plan, deliver and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND in the Wokingham Borough. We represent parent carers experiences, views and priorities.

## **How do we do this?**

By listening to our members and as many parent carer voices as we can, from across the Wokingham Borough, from a wide range of communities including all ages from birth to 25 and inclusive of all special educational needs & disabilities.

We do this through:

- **Events**
- **Training courses**
- **Consultations & surveys**
- **Information sharing**

## **Join us, become a member**

**Membership is FREE.** To become a member of SEND Voices Wokingham complete the form at the back of this booklet and you will also be entered into our FREE prize draw (see back page) or email your contact details to [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)

You can also find out more about what we do and how to join on our website [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)  
we are also on Facebook [SendVoicesWokingham](https://www.facebook.com/SendVoicesWokingham)



## Services and support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities



### Information and support

The Children with Additional Needs (CAN) Network is the council's service that provides information, and support for parents, carers and young people.

Contact the service if you require assistance to search for information on the Local Offer.

Tel: (0118) 974 6897

Email: [CAN.Network@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:CAN.Network@wokingham.gov.uk)

### The Local Offer website tells you about:

- Education, Health & Care plans (EHCPs) and assessments
- Employment and training
- Family support
- Health services
- Housing and independent living
- Leisure activities
- Money matters
- Short breaks
- Social care
- Specialist equipment
- Support in school
- Transport

The Wokingham Borough Local Offer:  
[www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo)

Provide feedback via the Local Offer survey:  
[www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo-survey](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/lo-survey)



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Wokingham Special Educational Needs and Disabilities  
Information, Advice and Support Service

***Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities?***

***Are you worried about their progress at school?***

***We provide free, confidential and impartial information, advice and support relating to all aspects of SEN and Disabilities, including Health, Social Care, and Personal Budgets.***

### We can support you in many different ways:

- By phone ● Email ● Face to face ● Attending meetings
- Providing training sessions for parents

We can support you from when you first have concerns that your child may have SEND through to requesting and maintaining an Education, Health and Care Plan

**HELPLINE: 0118 908 8233**

**Wokingham SENDIASS**  
**Wokingham Youth Centre**  
**35 Reading Road**  
**Wokingham**  
**RG41 1EG**

E-mail: [Sendiass@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Sendiass@wokingham.gov.uk)

Website: [www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendiasswokingham.org.uk)



# ASD Family Help

## Your local Autism Support Charity

Registered Charity No. 1135718

ASD Family Help is a 'User Led' independent and voluntary group created by parents/carers in 2005.

We offer support, advice and activities for autistic individuals and/or those with other learning disabilities or difficulties.

(Plus their parents/carers, siblings or professionals within Wokingham & West Berkshire Boroughs).

### Get Togethers

- Parent Carer/Coffee mornings, Family Fun Sessions, 18yr + Social Group

### Activities & Special Events

- Martial Arts 5-8yrs old, Teen Club (12+), Days out, Weekends Away & Special Events

### Support & Sharing

- Help form filling (DLA/PIP/EHCP), signposting to other services

### Training & Workshops

- Family Matters Course, workshops for Autism & ADHD, Teen Life/Social Skills

Please check our website for up-to-date information on all our events

### Staff, Volunteers & Adult Support Manager

Jayne 07733 601755

[jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org](mailto:jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org)

### Children & Families Activities Project Manager

Rachael 07542 766953

[rachael@asdfamilyhelp.org](mailto:rachael@asdfamilyhelp.org)

### Family Liaison & Support Worker

Theresa 07553 291114

[theresa@asdfamilyhelp.org](mailto:theresa@asdfamilyhelp.org)



[Facebook.com/ASD Family](https://www.facebook.com/ASD-Family)



[www.asdfamilyhelp.org](http://www.asdfamilyhelp.org)



## Support from Autism Berkshire for Parents and Carers in Wokingham

Autism Berkshire provides a wide range of advice and support services for parents and carers and their families in the Wokingham Borough Council area.

A number of these are provided through the Berkshire West Autism & ADHD Support Service. This is a partnership between Autism Berkshire and Parenting Special Children, working on behalf of the Berkshire West NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to support families of children and young people who have a diagnosis of autism and/or ADHD or are on the Berkshire CAMHS waiting lists for assessment.

### Support available includes:

- Helpline
- Home Visits
- Autism advice workshops and courses for parents and carers
- Social skills and independent living courses for autistic adults
  - Benefits Advice
  - Berkshire Autism Alert Card
  - Family Fun Days
  - Youth Groups
- Trampolining for autistic children and young people
- Social groups for autistic adults

For more information about all our services:

Call us: 01189 594 594 | Email: [contact@autismberkshire.org.uk](mailto:contact@autismberkshire.org.uk)



Helpline: 01189 594 594 [www.autismberkshire.org.uk](https://www.autismberkshire.org.uk)





[www.berkshirevision.org.uk](http://www.berkshirevision.org.uk)

Tel: 0118 987 2803

Email: [children@berkshirevision.org.uk](mailto:children@berkshirevision.org.uk)

Providing holistic support to children & adults with sight loss, helping to boost self-esteem with emotional support, social clubs, home visits & sport.

**Children, Young People and Families** – benefit from the support we provide, getting involved in activities adapted to meet each young person's needs and having the opportunities to develop friendships with other visually impaired young people. Our activities are run throughout the year, but particularly in the school holidays to offer families the opportunities for quality family time together or for respite or to meet up and enjoy some time with others in similar situations. Previous activities have included cooking, craft, tennis, footgolf, visits to Legoland and London Zoo. Future events planned include Blind football sessions, taster sports days, going to a local pantomime, indoor climbing centre lesson, trampolining and swimming.

**18-35's Social Group** - meet on a regular basis to spend quality time together and take part in activities of their choosing. The aim of this group is to bring together visually impaired young adults, to encourage their independence and build confidence, to support their transition into adulthood. Previous activities have included skiing, pub lunches and visits to theme parks.

Membership of Berkshire Vision is free in 2021.

To find out more information contact:

Carol Barnfather, Children, Young People and Families Worker  
Berkshire Vision, 5 Midleton House, Erleigh Road, Reading, RG1 5LR

Established in 1910, Berkshire Vision is the working name of Berkshire County Blind Society which is a registered charity limited by guarantee no. 07977903, registered in England and Wales. Registered charity no. 1146413



# Camp Mohawk

## The Woodland Centre Trust

For children and young people with special needs

Camp Mohawk is a day centre for children with special needs and their families, set in 5 acres of beautiful countryside, just outside Wargrave, Berkshire. Throughout the year the centre provides a range of activities, facilities and natural space to encourage children with a variety of special needs to play, socialise and learn in a secure and caring environment. Our facilities include adventure playgrounds, swings, sensory garden, play village, soft play and sensory rooms, art / craft room, music room, play lounge and, in the summer months, an outdoor, heated play pool. All this is set in approximately 5 acres of natural woodland.

#### What we offer:

- **Family Days** in school holidays and occasionally at weekends – children / young people need to be accompanied by a parent / carer but we have a team of staff and volunteers on hand to provide support and assistance
- **Short Breaks** activities for children / young people aged 8 to 25 who have High Functioning Autism / Asperger's Syndrome
- **Special events** including sensory sensitive fireworks displays and Christmas parties
- **Group sessions** / days for SEND support groups, schools and groups of families



Registration is mandatory for all services and advance booking is usually required. Fees / charges for families are all voluntary but contributions from our service users are an important source of income so we do have suggested contribution levels. Please visit our website or get in touch for more information:

Web: [www.campmohawk.org.uk](http://www.campmohawk.org.uk)

Email: [info@campmohawk.org.uk](mailto:info@campmohawk.org.uk)

Tel: 0118 940 4045

THE WOODLAND CENTRE TRUST, Highfield Lane, Craziest Hill, Wargrave, Berks. RG10 8PU. Registered Charity No. 278681



**CLASP** stands for Caring, Listening and Supporting Partnership and is a self advocacy charity for people, age 18+, with learning disabilities in the Wokingham Borough.

Self Advocacy is when you speak up for yourself about things that are important to you. **CLASP** helps people with learning disabilities to do this, and to have the same opportunities and choices as everyone else.



We work on projects as well as having fun – an enthusiastic and accessible Choir, Coffee, Dancing to Music and much more.



We are proud to run the Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB.)

This is an inclusive and empowering group of people (a network) that work together to make things better for people with learning disabilities and their families.

**Website:** [www.wokinghamclasp.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamclasp.org.uk)

**Telephone:** 0118 979 6364 or 07780 749 453

**Email:** [admin@claspwokingham.org.uk](mailto:admin@claspwokingham.org.uk)

**Facebook:** CLASP Wokingham

**Twitter:** @CLASPWokingham

**Instagram:** CLASPWokingham

## Supporting Families in Wokingham



*Dingley's Promise supports children in the early years with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND) and their families.*

Our mission is to give every child the best start and ensure that children with SEND receive the support they need to achieve their full potential.

We support families in Wokingham and the local community at our specialist early years centre (on the grounds of All Saints School) and via our Family Support Offer.



### Our Wokingham Centre:

We offer:

- Learning Through Play: stimulating and structured sessions focusing on the individual learning and development needs of each child.
- A friendly team of experienced, staff and volunteers.
- Holiday Play-schemes sessions outside of term time.
- An environment that is accessible to all.

Contact Zora Morgan (Wokingham Centre Manager):

Phone: 01189771234

Email: [zora.morgan@dingley.org.uk](mailto:zora.morgan@dingley.org.uk)

*"My Shaun has only recently started at Dingley's Promise and the difference in him already is unbelievable... I can't thank the staff enough, they are so welcoming and easy to talk to about any concerns or worries." - Shaun's Mum*

### Our Family Support Offer

We can provide:

- Online group activity sessions for children and parent/carers.
- 1:1 support via Zoom, phone, email or text.
- Access to home learning resources and advice via our website and youtube channel.
- A Parent Support Group community on Facebook.

Contact Helen Hart (our Wokingham based Family Support Worker).

Phone: 07958373305

Email: [familysupport@dingley.org.uk](mailto:familysupport@dingley.org.uk)



Dingley's Promise is the working name of Dingley Family and Specialist Early Years Centres, a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. Company Registered in England and Wales No. 07279320. Registered Charity No. 1137609. Registered Office: Kennet Walk Community Centre, Kennet Walk off Kenavon Drive, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3GD



[dingley.org.uk](http://dingley.org.uk)





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Wokingham Borough  
Community Navigator Service

*Helping you find support in your community*

Did you know  
that 20% of GP  
appointments  
are spent dealing  
with non-medical  
problems?

**Could you benefit from  
finding services, information  
or advice to support you  
to improve your general  
health and wellbeing, or  
reduce feelings of isolation?**

The **Community Navigation Scheme** is a local signposting project which has been set up to help people find social or physical activities in the community.

The service is free for **Wokingham Borough** residents and/or for people registered with a Wokingham Borough **GP surgery**. You can access the service via an online referral or by giving us a call. Our **Community Navigation Officers** have time to talk through possible services, help you access hard to find information and know what's available to help you.



For further information or to make a referral, please get in touch:

**01344 304 404**

community.navigation@nhs.net  involve.community/community-navigation



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**Berkshire West**  
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**JUST AROUND THE CORNER (JAC) Ltd**  
**ENCOURAGING POSITIVE CHOICES**

JAC (Just Around The Corner), is a Christian charity based near Wokingham in Berkshire, set in 15 acres of stunning English countryside. Founded in 1998, we are a unique centre providing personal learning, mentoring, and development therapies for children and young people aged 5-24 years old who are struggling with mental health difficulties, emotional, social and/or learning difficulties, disabilities, or who are having problems thriving in the school environment.



We offer a variety of different activities within our mentoring programmes depending on a young person's needs and interests. Each young person meets with their mentor, who are all DBS checked, on a weekly basis, and depending on which mentoring stream they have chosen they will undertake activities together involving:



- Horses
- Small animals
- Pottery
- Arts & crafts
- Horticulture
- Carpentry
- Cookery
- Mechanics



For further information please don't hesitate to contact us:

Telephone: 0118 9441444

Email: [office@jacoutreach.org](mailto:office@jacoutreach.org)

Website: [www.jacoutreach.org](http://www.jacoutreach.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/JAC-Just-Around-the-Corner](https://www.facebook.com/JAC-Just-Around-the-Corner)

Registered office: 'Rehoboth', Forest Road, Wokingham, RG40 5QY

Registered Charity No: 1127691 Company Registration No: 6777752

We are proud to have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services – this is the highest award and is the MBE for volunteer groups.







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**Me2**  
club

## *Who do we support?*

Me2 Club support children and teenagers aged 5 to 19 years old, living in the Wokingham and Reading Boroughs to be included in mainstream leisure activities.

The children we support have a range of additional needs including:

- ADHD
- Anxiety
- Autism
- Challenging behaviour
- Speech & Language issues

No formal diagnosis is required to receive our service, if they need a bit of extra support, we can help!

## *What do we offer?*

We offer children with additional needs a matched volunteer buddy who goes along with them once a week to an activity of their choice such as swimming lessons, gymnastics, uniform groups, sports clubs or drama. Cost of the activity is covered by parents/carers but support from a volunteer is currently free of charge to families.

We get to know each child and match them with a volunteer based on availability, activity location, personality, needs, experience and other factors. Once you have an activity set up or are waiting for a place you can register with us.

Please note we cannot support at groups which are set up specifically for additional needs. Activities must be mainstream sessions running Monday – Friday.

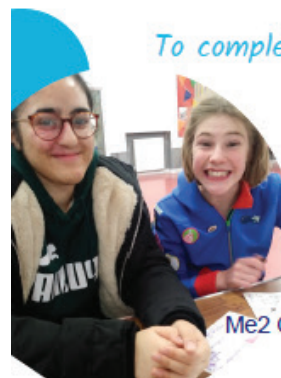
*To complete our registration form and for more information*

**[www.Me2Club.org.uk](http://www.Me2Club.org.uk)**

[info@me2club.org.uk](mailto:info@me2club.org.uk) / 0118 969 6369

**Me2 Club, Parkside House, Unit 6,  
15 Headley Road, Woodley, RG5 4JB**

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Promise Inclusion or Pinc (formerly Wokingham, Bracknell and Districts Mencap) is a user led and local, independent registered charity that works with children and adults with learning disabilities and/or autism, their parents, carers and families.

Our vision is to ensure that for those living with a learning or associated disability, every opportunity is maximised, providing support, fun and care for individuals, their families and dependants.

**Our Family Liaison Team** can offer practical and emotional support to carers on a one to one basis via phone, email, Zoom or home visit. We also offer respite activities for carers and information workshops.

**Contact:**

Rachel: 07827 340409 (Wokingham children)

Simone: 07827 340408 (Wokingham transition and adults)

Tracey: 07423 686965 (Wokingham transition and adults)

**Our Social Groups and Activities** for young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism, and for their siblings enable them to make friends, learn social skills, grow in confidence and most importantly have fun with their peers!

Smiles for Sibs  
Youth Club@ Addington  
@ The Acorn  
Paul's Karaoke

**Contact us**

Tel: 0300 777 8539 or 07827 340405

E: [admin@promiseinclusion.org](mailto:admin@promiseinclusion.org)

W: [www.promiseinclusion.org](http://www.promiseinclusion.org)



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**Volunteer 'MakeAbility' engineers  
design & build free equipment & gadgets  
for people with a disability or special need**

## Jake takes a step up

**Meet Jake.** He's just turned six and has a very rare condition known as RERE Syndrome, a difficult-to-diagnose genetic condition currently identified as affecting less than 30 people around the world.

Jake's low muscle tone means he can crawl but not yet walk. Now that he's a big lad - in age 10 clothes and weighing in at 30kg. - mum and dad were finding it a real problem to help him in and out of the bath. But things have just got a little easier for Jake and his parents as a volunteer 'MakeAbility' engineer from the charity Remap has designed and made him a bespoke set of specially-padded bathroom steps.

Said mum Rachel Green: "Jake cannot get in or out of the bath himself, but he is too mobile to qualify for a hoist. It was fine when he was smaller, but as he grew it became so difficult for us to lift him over the bath-side. Now that he has the steps he is able to get himself both in and out of the bath. They have made a real difference".

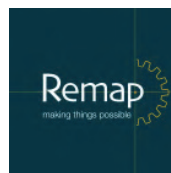


Jake's unique steps were built by Remap Berkshire's Phil Cartwright, who lives in **Wokingham**. He is a retired technical sales person who inherited an enthusiasm for practical projects from his father.

Phil joined the Remap Berkshire panel in 2019, alongside 25 like-minded volunteers who enjoy using their skills to create custom-made equipment and gadgets for people in the county who have disabilities or special needs and who cannot find anything suitable to buy. **This 'MakeAbility' service is entirely free.** Panel members have a wide variety of expertise between them, ranging from IT and electronics, to metalwork, carpentry and 3D-printing - the list is endless.

### Working alongside professionals

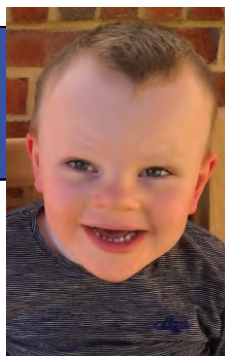
Remap Berkshire volunteers engineers often work alongside health professionals like occupational therapists, physiotherapists, doctors or Special Educational Needs staff to make sure that the equipment provided safely meets individual situations. Remap Berkshire has assisted people in all age groups with a wide variety of issues. Some 'MakeAbility' projects are simple, others extremely challenging - all can make a real difference to the recipient's quality of life. Each piece of equipment is tailor-made to suit specific needs. There is no charge.



## MakeAbility

**A free service from  
the charity Remap,  
founded in 1965.**

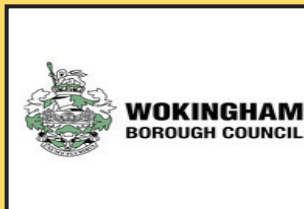
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OF OUR INFO LEAFLET**



**Further information: Remap Berkshire can be contacted in complete confidence:  
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**If you would like a Remap Berkshire speaker to make a Zoom or in-person presentation  
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**Rose Buddies**



### Rose Buddies, Creative Support, Community Support Service

Rose Buddies provides support to adults, aged 17+, with a learning disability who live in the Wokingham Borough and receive little or no statutory support services. We provide a warm and friendly environment where individuals are valued and supported.

\*Membership is free, upon meeting our eligibility requirements.

#### We provide:

- Information about what's going on in the local area
- Support to complete forms
- Reading letters
- Support to choose and access appropriate courses
- Support to build positive friendships and peer support
- Social inclusion – involving members in the wider community.
- Weekly day and evening media calls, including sessions hosted by our Head office.
- Seasonal Newsletters
- Phone calls
- A Facebook page to keep up-to-date with information and photos, please find us Rose Buddies, Creative Support page in Facebook

#### What we provide, Government guidelines permitting:

- Group activities
- Weekday daily community drop-ins
- Support to find volunteering roles
- Group workshops

#### Contact Details

[Rosebuddies@creativesupport.org.uk](mailto:Rosebuddies@creativesupport.org.uk)  
Petra: 07966629696  
Eamon: 07970953618

#### Rose Buddies Community Service

The Cornerstone,  
Norreys Avenue  
Wokingham  
RG40 1UE



**Opportunity, Choice and Wellbeing**



Thrive is the leading charity in the UK that uses gardening to bring about positive changes in the lives of people who are living with disabilities or ill health, or are isolated, disadvantaged, or vulnerable.

At our gardens near Reading, we support and work with a wide range of people aged 18+... people who have a physical or learning disability; people with mental health support needs; people who may have sensory loss or autism.

Thrive uses an approach called Social and Therapeutic Horticulture (STH), where trained horticultural therapists work with plants and people to improve an individual's physical and psychological health, communication and thinking skills.

Our horticultural therapists use the garden as a safe and secure environment in which to develop a person's ability to socialise, make friends and gain practical skills that make them more independent. The horticultural therapist will focus on each individual that comes to Thrive, building a set of activities aimed at improving their health needs to achieve goals identified by the client gardener, their family, carer or support worker.

**For further information:**

Email: [trunkwell@thrive.org.uk](mailto:trunkwell@thrive.org.uk)

Telephone: **01189-884844**

Website: [www.thrive.org.uk](http://www.thrive.org.uk)



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Children With Disabilities Services
<b>ASSIST</b>
Autism Spectrum Service For Information, Support and Training
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The aim of the ASSIST service is to work in a proactive, supportive, and preventative way with families and providers so that autistic children and young people living in the Wokingham Borough can be the best they can be.

The approach to intervention is holistic and directed by the needs of the individual and those around him or her. The service provides information, support, and training, especially supporting families pre- and post-diagnosis. The ASSIST team are licenced National Autistic Society EarlyBird, EarlyBird Plus and Teen Life parent programme trainers. We also deliver a variety of autism specific workshops plus groups and other opportunities to meet up and network.

Parent programmes and drop-in sessions are available to parents whose child or young person is on the pathway for an autism assessment, and workshops are available to anyone who has an interest in autism, or who feel that the strategies shared might be useful – no referral required!

We also offer focused family support for those living with, caring for or working with a child/young person diagnosed with autism, up to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, who live in the Wokingham Borough via referral.



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## WBC Children with Disabilities Team (Social Care)

**The Children with Disabilities (CWD) Team** consists of Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, and support staff.

They provide services for disabled children up to 18 years-old and work together with children, young people, families, carers, and other agencies. In relation to transition they work with adult services in relation to the child's future plan and needs as required.

To be eligible for CWD services, children must:

- Be under 18 years old.
- Be ordinarily resident in the Wokingham Borough.
- Have a **severe** or **profound** disability that is having a **substantial** and **long-term** negative effect on daily functioning.

**Children with Disabilities Team** - 0118 974 6881 / 0118 974 6890

Out of hours (5pm – 9am & 24hrs at weekend) 01344 786 543

[cwdduty@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:cwdduty@wokingham.gov.uk)

**Short Breaks Service & Early Help Team** offers both short breaks support and more generalised early help support.

**Short Break Co-ordinator** - 0118 974 6881 / 0118 974 6890

[ShortBreaksCoordinator@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:ShortBreaksCoordinator@wokingham.gov.uk)

**FIRST (for help with sleep and behavioural problems)**

0118 974 6000 or [first@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:first@wokingham.gov.uk)

**Direct Payments Officer** - 0118 974 6809

[DPWokinghamCard@Wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:DPWokinghamCard@Wokingham.gov.uk)

Information about CWD Services and Short Breaks self-referral and eligibility criteria available here: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/health-and-social-care/social-care/>

## WBC Special Educational Needs (SEND) Service

The Special Educational Needs (SEN) Service undertakes the Education Health and Care (EHC) needs assessment for children and young people between the ages of 0 - 25 years. It arranges the provision required to meet the needs identified in an EHC plan and is involved in organising the appropriate annual reviews of a child's progress. The annual review is the statutory process of looking at the needs and provision specified in an EHC Plan and deciding whether these need to change and must be held within 12 months of the EHC plan being finalised. Subsequent reviews must be held within 12 months of the previous review.

The Senior Case Officers/Case Officers will ensure that the EHCP assessment take place in a timely fashion and within statutory timescales and are responsible for managing the assessment itself. This means that they will liaise with parents, young people, and professionals, conduct the coproduction or planning meeting and draw up the plan. They will also be involved in the EHCP Annual Review process which may result in EHCPs remaining unchanged, being amended, or stopping.

For further details of the SEN Service and how to apply for an EHC needs assessment can be found at:

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/local-offer-for-0-25-year-olds-with-additional-needs/education-and-special-educational-needs/>

**Contact Details: Telephone: 0118 974 6216**

**Email:** [sen@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sen@wokingham.gov.uk)

**Opening hours: Monday - Friday 09:00 - 17:00**

**SENDIASS (Special educational needs and disability information advice and support service)**

Offer free, confidential, impartial advice, guidance, and support on all aspects of the EHCP Assessment and Annual Review process.

**Telephone:** 0118 908 8233

**Email:** [sendiass@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@wokingham.gov.uk)



## CYPF ADHD Pathway

Erleigh House, Building 54  
Earley Gate  
Whiteknights Road  
Reading  
RG6 6BZ

Tel: 0118 207 0930 Option 4 and then option 2

We are a healthcare service that provides assessments for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder for children and young people aged from 6 years to 18 years and treatment for children who have been diagnosed by the NHS or in the private sector

The treatment we offer for ADHD is medication

We request that schools make referrals through our Common Point of Entry Team via the website [www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://www.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk). Or call 0300 365 1234

However, we do accept referrals from other professionals and parents

You will find more information and support here:

<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/support-and-advice/mental-and-emotional-health/adhd/>



**Berkshire Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust



**Berkshire Healthcare**  
Children, Young People and  
Families services

**Autism Assessment Team**  
Erleigh House (Building 54)  
University of Reading, Earley Gate  
Whiteknights Road  
Reading  
Berks  
RG6 6BZ

Tel: 0118 2070930 (option1)

<https://CYPF.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/>

## AUTISM ASSESSMENT TEAM

### What do we do?

We provide an assessment service for children up to the age of 18 where there is a concern that a child/young person may have autism.

### What will an autism assessment usually involve?

The assessment involves gathering information from parents/carers, school (if attending) and also through spending time with the child. The appointments may be in person or online. Whether or not an autism diagnosis is made, a report will be provided including information about further sources of support and recommendations for the child.

### For more information about autism and how to refer

<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/support-and-advice/mental-and-emotional-health/autism/>

### Pre and post assessment support

We are an assessment only service, however, the following organisations can provide information and support to parents/carers both pre- and post-assessment:

- National Autistic Society [www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)
- Autism Berkshire <http://www.autismberkshire.org.uk/>
- Parenting Special Children <https://www.parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/>



**GDE**  
Digital solutions for  
outstanding healthcare



[berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk](http://berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)



**healthwatch**  
Wokingham Borough



### What will Healthwatch Wokingham Borough do?

We will help people get the best out of their local health and social care services; whether it's improving them today or helping to shape them for tomorrow. Healthwatch Wokingham is about local voices, having their say, being listened to and being able to influence the delivery and design of local services.

### Healthwatch Wokingham:

- provides people with information, advice and support about local health and social care services
- gathers the views and experiences of local people on the way services are delivered
- challenges service providers to improve services
- influences the way services are designed and delivered based on evidence from those who use services

### Contact Us

**Tel:** 0118 418 1418

**Email:** [enquiries@healthwatchwokingham.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@healthwatchwokingham.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.healthwatchwokingham.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchwokingham.co.uk)

**Facebook:** /HealthwatchWokingham

**Twitter:** /HWwokingham



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- Events
- Training courses
- Consultations & surveys
- Information sharing

### SEND Voices Wokingham Membership Application

Name.....

Email.....

Address.....

Phone No.....

Child 1 Year of Birth.....

Child 1 Disability.....

Child 2 Year of Birth.....

Child 2 Disability.....

Child 3 Year of Birth.....

Child 3 Disability.....

Membership is **FREE**. By completing and sending us this form you agree to SEND Voices Wokingham holding your details so that they can keep you informed via email about events, training, consultation, and information about SEND for parent carers in the Wokingham Borough. Full details of our data protection policy is available on our website [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk). You will also be entered into our free prize draw (see over for more details)

Please send your completed form to us in the SAE included or you can email us at [info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)  
You can also find out more about what we do and how to join on our website [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)  
we are also on Facebook [SendVoicesWokingham](https://www.facebook.com/SendVoicesWokingham)





The independent voice of families, representing  
their experiences to improve lives

**Already a member or just joining?  
.....we would like to hear from you.**

ALL completed feedback received by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021,  
will be entered into a FREE prize draw\* for 1 of 10,  
£10 Costa vouchers

Name.....

Email.....

Please tell us what is going well and what could be improved  
with SEND services in the Wokingham Borough?

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Please tell us what events you find useful

Coffee mornings ☐ Family Information Events ☐

Evening drop-ins ☐ Meeting the Council ☐ Consultations ☐

Any suggestions of events you would like?

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Please send us your feedback, we have even included a  
stamped addressed envelope! or you can email us at

[info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](mailto:info@sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)

\* One entry per family. Draw will be made on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021. The winners will be notified within 7 days. Any personal information you provide will be kept by us in accordance with relevant legislation and never passed onto 3<sup>rd</sup> parties. \*Full T&C's on our website. [www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk](http://www.sendvoiceswokingham.org.uk)