

Autism and Transitions

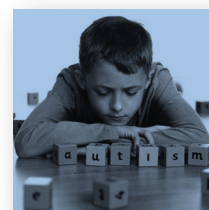
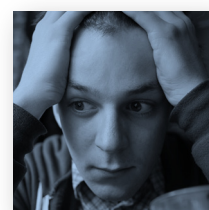
Information Event 2013

POST CONFERENCE SUPPORT PACK

Linking individuals
to services in
South Yorkshire and beyond

Who are we

This pack is intended as a guide to local services that offer support, information and guidance to individuals with autism across South Yorkshire. The pack includes all organisations that were involved in our May 2013 Autism & Transitions conference.



KEY Speaker Messages

Gareth James, Department Health Childrens Disability Lead

From 2014 you will be offered the opportunity to develop a Health, Education and Care plan Your Health, Education and Care Plan will be developed in partnership with you, your parents and those who work with you to make sure the plan fully meets your needs.



Liz Howard, Personalisation Team, Sheffield City Council

Personalisation is about you having choice and control over your own services Your local authority can help you to make your own decisions and choices about your support.



Linda Calverley Head of SEND in Doncaster

An early assessment of needs is key to developing an effective package of support. The new health, education and care plans allow all the information about you to be in one place which will improve how you access services.

Tracy Mistry, Deputy Manager Transitions & Autism, Doncaster Council

Support planning is essential to ensuring a personalised service Individuals can make use of a personal budget to give them control over their own services.



What some of our workshops told us:

Access to Specialist College National Association Teaching in Specialist Colleges

- A 139A needs to be completed before access to specialist college can be obtained.
- Beyond September 2014 the needs of the student need to be clearly highlighted on a Education, Health and Care Plan along with the named provision that can meet their needs.

Employment Pathways Peta Troke, Jobsteps Employment Services Ltd & Dave Shiel, Autism Plus

- Employer awareness is key to successful employment. Finding the right employer and putting the right support in place is crucial.
- Providers need to be encouraged to work in partnership with other organisations to provide effective and smooth transition.

National Autistic Society North Lisa Pltkeathly

- Individuals found the Autism Alert Card delivered by NAS to be a huge help.
- Many felt that there was a continued need for training and conferences to provide vital information to parents and individuals.

Access to Higher Education Amy Porter, Sheffield Hallam University

- Apply for Disabled Students' Allowances up to 6 months before going to university.
- Encourage students to disclose their disability on their UCAS and Student loan application.

Who are the cluster members and how can I contact them?

Autism Plus

Autism Plus specialises in working with people with the most complex support needs. Working across the north of England Autism Plus provide a wide variety of solutions to the needs of people with autism spectrum conditions, mental health diagnoses and learning difficulties.

Tel: 0114 384 0284 Email: info@autismplus.co.uk Website: www.autismplus.co.uk

Communications Specialist College, Doncaster

Our individualised learning environment offers a unique approach for individuals who have a special communication difficulty including Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Learning Disabilities/Difficulties, Deafness and Hearing Loss, Students are fully supported by our multi-disciplinary team of specialist staff to develop independence, confidence and vocational skills enabling them to develop to their full potential.

Tel 01302 386700 Email: admissions@ddt-deaf.org.uk Web: www.deaf-trust.co.uk

Dearne ALC

The Deane Advanced Learning Centre is a mainstream secondary school with a strong key stage 2/3 transition programme for vulnerable children with autism. We support and encourage individuals to make as many additional visits as necessary to enable a positive start to their time with us.

Tel: 01709 892565 Email: lhoiland@barnsley.org web: <https://www.ourlearning.barnsley.org/schools/Dearne/Pages/default.aspx>

Dearne Valley College

Dearne Valley College is situated at Wath upon Dearne in Rotherham. We have a fantastic range of facilities to support learning to make the student's time at college both valuable and enjoyable.

Tel: 01709 513355 Email: learn@dearne-coll.ac.uk Web: <http://www.dearne-coll.ac.uk/>

Doncaster College

Doncaster College provides a selection of high quality further and higher education courses to people on a local, national and international scale. Students have the opportunity to choose from more than 500 diverse courses including creative media, sport and public services, floristry, performing arts to aviation, construction, accounting and management.

Tel: 0800 358 7575 / email: inforcentre@don.ac.uk Web:: www.don.ac.uk

Freemans College

Our young people learn and achieve through practical, real-life activities and accredited courses to progress onto greater independence, further education and employment. We operate four colleges and a school for day and residential students

Tel: 01453 837500 Email: enquiries@rmc.rmt.org Web: <http://www.rmt.org/freeman>

Robert Ogden School, National Autistic Society

At the NAS Robert Ogden School we educate children and young people from across the Autism Spectrum. We encourage students to make the most of their skills and interests. Some of the most striking examples of this principle being put to practice can be seen in the enterprise activities in our School. We offer day, 38 week, termly and 52 week residential, along with respite/short breaks during term time, weekends and school holidays. The National Autistic Society also offers a range of adult and community services across the North of England, as well as national advice and information services.

Tel: 01709 874443, Email: robert.ogden@nas.org.uk , Website: www.autism.org.uk/robertogden

Sheffield College

The Sheffield College in South Yorkshire offers academic and vocational qualifications to more than 20,000 young people and adults a year. The College is committed to enhancing the prospects of all of its students by helping them progress to the next level course and move onto employment, setting up their own business or further courses at college and university.

Tel: 0114 260 2600 Email: info@sheffcol.ac.uk Web: <http://www.sheffcol.ac.uk>

The Options Group

Options Group provides high quality specialist support to children, young people and adults who have an Autism Spectrum Condition. Support is provided by highly skilled and motivated staff teams within a variety of settings ranging from residential schools, through to adult residential transition services, as well as community based services.

Tel: 08442 487187 Email: info@optionsgroup.co.uk Web: <http://www.optionsgroup.co.uk>

Other Stall Holders & Services offered

Access Fitness

Access Fitness is the UK's first specialist disability and mental health focused gym located at the Wellness Centre at the Concord Sports Centre in Sheffield. Tel: 01143840300 Email: accessfitness@autismplus.co.uk Web: <http://www.autismplus.org/our-services/access-fitness>

Access to Work

An Access to Work grant helps pay for practical support so you can do your job. You may be able to apply if you have a disability, health or mental health condition. For support across South Yorkshire contact.

Tel: 0141 950 5327 Email: atwosu.glasgow@dw.gov.uk Web: <https://www.gov.uk/access-to-work/overview>

Aiming High

Aiming High for Disabled Children Commission short breaks for children and young people with a disability this can range from direct payment support for a personal assistant to overnight residential care.

Tel: 01302 862332 Contact Address: Doncaster Council Civic Building Waterdale Doncaster DN1 3BU

Beanstalk Gardens

Beanstalk Gardens is an Autism Plus project based in Fence, Sheffield. The project provides work experience and opportunities in horticulture for adults and young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Tel: 0114 384 0265 or email zoe.cartwright@autismplus.co.uk Web: <http://www.autismplus.org/our-services/training-employment/beanstalk-gardens>

Brantwood Specialist School

Independent Specialist school for pupils age 7-10 with a range of behavioural difficulties & learning difficulties. We provide work related learning, nationally accredited qualifications & social & cultural activities and living skills.

Tel: 0114 2500036 Email: laura.ellis@brantwood.rmt.org Web: www.rmt.org

Caretech

The CareTech family of company's provide high quality care and support across the whole social care spectrum for children and adults below retirement age.

Tel: 01707 601 800 Email: info@caretech-uk.com Web: <http://www.carehome.co.uk/>

Jobsteps Employment Services Ltd

Providing individually tailored employment support to individuals with autism and related conditions across South Yorkshire. Contact us to find out what support is currently available to you.

Tel: 0114 3840333 Email: info@jobsteps.org Web: www.jobsteps.org

Linkage College

Linkage Community Trust (Linkage) is a registered charity which provides a high standard of, care, specialist further education and employment services to enable people with learning disabilities to realise their full potential.

Tel: 01754 890 339 Email: info@linkage.org.uk Web: www.linkage.org.uk

Little Rainbows

Little Rainbows is a voluntary group providing support to the families of young children affected by Autism and Asperger's Syndrome in the Doncaster Area. We also provide information on other local services, provide access to a family support worker and run family sessions and holiday activities.

Tel: 01302 352060 or 01302 352089 E-mail: [littlerainbows@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:little rainbows@hotmail.co.uk) Website: www.littlerainbowsgroup.wordpress.com

Samuel Thomas

An individual with Asperger Syndrome who specialises in pencil drawings and manga style art, including album art.

Tel: 07717292848 Email: Samuel@wedrawanycar.com Web: <http://wedrawanycar.com/>

Sensory Plus

SensoryPlus is a division of The Kirton Healthcare Group and is one of the UK's leading sensory equipment providers from single catalogue items through to entire environments.

Tel: 0800 212709 Web: <http://www.sensoryplus.co.uk>

Sheffield Hallam University

Providing Higher Education across South Yorkshire, based on two sites in Sheffield. The university is the third largest in the UK, with more than 33,000 students.

Tel: 01142255555 Email: enquiries@shu.ac.uk Web: www.shu.ac.uk

Speakup

Providing across Yorkshire & Humber training, information, budgeting and money support, personalised budgets, person centred planning, healthy surfers and advocacy.

Tel: 0303 123 7013 Email: team@speakup.org.uk web: www.speakup.org.uk

Voluntary Action Barnsley

Supporting individuals in Barnsley with information, advice and guidance. Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Tel: 01226 320100 Email: info@vabarnsley.org.uk Web: www.vabarnsley.org.uk