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SEND Workforce Survey 2021



Thank you to those who completed the SEND Workforce Development Survey last summer. The purpose of the survey is to gain feedback from practitioners and professionals who work with children, young people and families with SEND, around their training needs.

The report is now published on the Local Offer, together with a 1-page accessible version of progress made since 2019.

To find out more please visit the [SEND Workforce Survey page](#) on the Local Offer.

Contact the SEND Service

To speak to a member of the SEND Service, please call 01793 464641 and we will answer your query in 48-96 hours.

Telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday. Alternatively, you can email SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk.

For more information [please click here](#).

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Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2022

Neurodiversity Celebration Week (21st - 27th March 2022) is an event that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. This worldwide celebration of difference has been brought about to reject the culturally entrenched negativity which has typically surrounded those that live, learn and experience the world in a particular way that is sometimes perceived as different.

Neurodiversity is a way to positively explain that everyone has some kind of neurodevelopmental difference and that diversity should be embraced. From a neurological point of view everyone has talents and things that they struggle with. However, for some people the variation between those strengths and weaknesses is more pronounced, which can bring talent but can also be disabling.

The term neurodiversity usually refers to range of specific learning differences including:

- Autism
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
- Developmental Co-ordination Disorder (DCD) also referred to as Dyspraxia
- Specific Learning Differences e.g Dyslexia, Dyscalculia.

The Local Offer has lots of pages on neurodiversity that focus on how you can support someone with these learning differences without deferring to services.

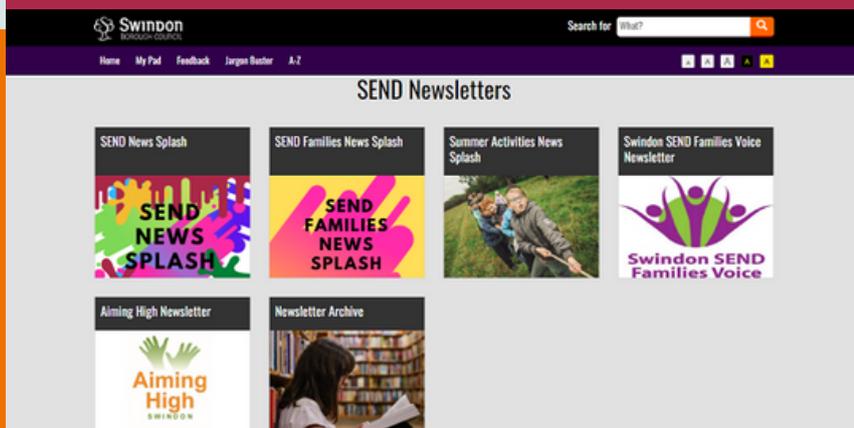
The resources on the following pages focus on autism and ADHD generally rather than specific aspects and can help parents/carers understand and cope with some of the difficulties that arise with this diagnosis:

[Autism on the Swindon Local Offer](#)

[Attention and Concentration \(ADHD\) on the Swindon Local Offer](#)

SEND News on the Local Offer

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