

FIS Factsheet

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Disability and Special Educational Needs contacts

Below are contact details for Warwickshire County Council and other organisations providing services for parents of children with disabilities and Special Educational Needs (SEN).

Warwickshire County Council – Integrated Disability Service

This includes the following services:

- Teaching and Learning: Hearing Advisory Team; Services for visually impaired children; Specific Language Disorder Service; Physical Disability Services; Complex Needs Team
- Physiotherapy Services
- Social Care Service
- Short Breaks
- Autism Team
- Connexions Specialist Advisory team
- Key Worker Service
- Birth to 5 Services: Child Development Services; Birth to Three Family Service; Three to Five Pre-school Service.

Tel: 01926 413737 (Warwick and Stratford)

Tel: 024 76 368800 (Rugby, N. Warks, Nuneaton & Bedworth)

Web: www.myfamilyvoicemyfamilychoice.co.uk

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)

A comprehensive range of services that provide help and treatment to children and young people experiencing emotional or behavioural difficulties, or mental health problems, disorders and illnesses.

Runs two interactive websites designed for young people with clear explanations about conditions and feelings and useful tips for managing emotions – 'Moodleton' and 'CAMHS for Young People'.

Website: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/camhs/Pages/default.aspx

Parent Partnership Service

Provides support by providing impartial advice and support about special education needs, through their helpline, by conducting home visits, by accompanying you to meetings, by guiding you through the statutory assessment and by providing local drop-on advice sessions

Tel: **024 7636 6054**, website: www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=25194

Independent Parental Special Education Advice

A national charity providing free, legally based advice to families who have children with special education needs.

Tel: **0800 018 4016**, website: www.ipsea.org.uk

Network 81

A national network of parents working towards properly resourced inclusive education for all children with special needs. Includes Befrienders to support parents at meetings and through the assessment process.

Tel: **0845 077 4055**, website: www.network81.org

School Transport for Children with Additional Needs

Tel: **01926 412929**, website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schooltravel

Contact a Family

A national charity that exists to support the families of disabled children whatever their condition or disability

Tel: **0808 808 3555**, website: www.cafamily.org.uk

Action on Hearing Loss (formally RNID)

Experts in providing support for people with hearing loss and tinnitus.

Tel: **0808 808 0123**, Textphone: **0808 808 9000**, website: www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)

RNIB is the leading charity offering information, support and advice to people with sight loss.

Tel: **0303 123 9999**, website: www.rnib.org.uk

Auditory Verbal UK

A national charity which teaches deaf babies and children to listen and speak so that they can achieve their full potential in life.

Tel: **01869 321492**, website: www.avuk.ork

National Autistic Society

The leading UK charity for people with autism (including Asperger syndrome) and their families.

Tel: **0808 800 4104**, website: www.autism.org.uk

Autism West Midlands

The leading charity in the West Midlands for people affected by autism.

Tel: **0121 450 7582**, website: www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk

Mencap

The leading voice of learning disability, valuing and supporting people with a learning disability, and their families and carers.

Tel: **0808 808 1111**, website: www.mencap.org.uk

Scope and DIAL Network

UK disability charity that supports disabled people and their families with a network of approximately 130 local disability information and advice services run by and for disabled people.

Tel: **0808 800 3333**, website: www.scope.org.uk

Cerebra

Charity for children with neurological problems.

Tel: **0800 328 1159**, website: www.cerebra.org.uk

Young Minds

The UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

Tel: **0808 802 5544** (parent helpline), website: www.youngminds.org.uk

ADDISS (The National Attention Deficit Disorder Information and Support Service.)

Provides people-friendly information and resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance.

Tel: **020 8952 2800**, website: www.addiss.co.uk

The Challenging Behaviour Foundation

A charity specialising in severe learning disabilities and behaviour described as challenging.
Tel: **0845 602 7885**, website: www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/

Taking the Reins

Working with horses aim to improve the lives of disabled and disadvantaged children through a fusion of fun, education and therapy.
Tel: **01788 816 671**, website: www.circlesnetwork.org.uk

PAWS

PAWS has been set up by Dogs for the Disabled, to explore the potential that a pet dog might have to families with children with autism.
Tel: **01295 759836**, website: paws.dogsforthedisabled.org

Ableize

UK directory resource of disability and mobility needs, health and care aids and disabled special needs daily living aids, information and advice.
Website: www.ableize.com

Sibs

Support and information for brothers and sisters of disabled people.
Tel: **01535 645453**, website: www.sibs.org.uk

Take a Break Warwickshire

Provides community based short breaks for children and young adults who have a disability or life threatening illness, and adults with a learning disability
Tel: **02476 644909**, website: www.tabw.org.uk/

Ileap (South Warwickshire only)

Aims to include disabled people aged 4 years and over into leisure activities of their choice.
Tel: **01789 260644**, website: <http://www.ileap.co.uk>

Carers Direct (part of NHS Choices)

Free, confidential information and advice for carers.
Tel: **0300 123 1053**, website: www.nhs.uk/carersdirect/Pages/CarersDirectHome.aspx

Carers UK

A charity set up to help people who look after an older, disabled or seriously ill family member or friend.
Tel: **0808 808 7777**, website: www.carersuk.org

Warwickshire Young Carers' Project

Helps improve the lives of Young Carers across Warwickshire by offering free and confidential support.
Tel: **01926 485486**, website: <http://www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk>

Children's Legal Centre

Gives legal representation for children, parents, carers and professionals to ensure they can get accurate information on child law and access the support and services to which they are entitled.
Tel: **0808 802 0008**, website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Disability Law Service

Provides legal information and advice to disabled people. It is run by disabled people for disabled people.

Tel: **020 7791 9800**, website: **www.dls.org.uk**

Independent Advocacy

Free professional service representing the interests of people who may find it difficult to be heard or speak out for themselves, including those with disabilities and those with mental health problems.

Tel: **024 7669 7443**, website: **www.independentadvocacy.org**

NB: Individual charities/associations may offer help lines for specific conditions, for more information contact:

Warwickshire Family Information Service

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Email: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk Web: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis