

In this document you will find details of local and national services, organisation and groups for children and young people with Autism. Click on the name for more details.

Name	Brief description	Local or National
ADHD Foundation	Advice and guidance on helping you help your child with ADHD	National
Ambitious about Autism	The national charity for children and young people with autism. They provide services, raise awareness and understanding, and campaign for change.	National
Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS)	Bath and North East Somerset commissioned service supporting young people diagnosed with ASD, parent/carers and professionals working with relevant young people.	Local
Autismlinks	A website which is dedicated to making those helpful and sometimes vital links, covering who to talk to, where to go and contains lots of helpful advice all in one place.	National
Autism friendly cinema viewings – Dimensions UK	Autism friendly screenings are sometimes called relaxed or sensory friendly screenings. Adjustments are made to reduce stress and sensory input, such as low lighting and sound, freedom to move and staff trained in autism awareness.	Local / National
Autism Service (Virgin Care)	<p>The service is for adults who have been diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, including Asperger's Syndrome.</p> <p>Any adult of 18 years and over who has been diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum Condition and who is funded by Bath and North East Somerset.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>A young person (from 16 years) during their transition from Children's to Adult Services who has been diagnosed with an Autistic Spectrum condition.</p>	Local
B&NES Carers Centre	They enable carers to maintain and improve their physical and mental health and	Local

	emotional wellbeing, helping them to keep on caring for as long as they want to.	
BASS@ B&NES Weekly Advice Service	Weekly advice service for adults with autism / Asperger Syndrome.	Local
Butterflies Haven Support Group	Butterflies Haven is a support group for parents of children and teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).	Local
Children's Centres	<p>They offer a range of activities and support services to help you with all aspects of parenting to make sure your child gets the best start in life and improve their life chances.</p> <p>They also provide a range of support for families with children who have a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities or where there are concerns around a child's development or behaviour.</p>	Local
Disabled Children's Team - B&NES Council	The Disabled Children's Team provides support to children and their families where a child has diagnosed substantial and long lasting/permanent impairment.	Local
FACES	Faces is a support group which is open to your whole family, your child with Autism and their siblings.	Local
Fosse Way House	Fosse Way House is a residential provision that caters for up to 11 students aged 11-19 with Autistic Spectrum disorders.	Local
Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) Cygnet Programme	This 5/6 week programme is designed for parents and carers of children and young people aged 5-18 with autistic.	Local
Specialist Autism Support Service (SASS) SPACE	SPACE (Supporting Parents of Autistic Children in the Early years) is for parents of	Local

Programme	<p>Pre-school children (0-4 years)</p> <p>This 4 week programme is aimed at helping parents understand more about Autism and how they can best support their child.</p>	
Hard Days Out Made Easy	An online community that seeks to encourage and support families and children with additional needs; giving tips & tricks to make days & experiences easy.	Local
Holiday Playschemes	As part of the Short Breaks offer, children with SEND can apply for a place at holiday playschemes at a range of venues across B&NES. Follow our Facebook page for information as and when the details are released. www.facebook.com/BathnesFIS .	Local
IPSEA (Independent Provider of Special Education Advice)	Offers free and independent legally based information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).	National
Learning Disability Nursing Service –	<p>The Community Learning Disability Nurses are specifically trained to support the health needs of people with learning disabilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connections Day Services - Carswood Day Services 	Local
Life Project	A Bath based charity running a range of activities for people with learning disabilities and their parent carers.	Local
National Autistic Society – Avon Branch	We provide support, information and advice to Autistic adults (including Asperger	Local

	Syndrome) and to their parents/carers, living and working in the Avon area	
National Autistic Society - Parent to Parent support	Parent to Parent is a UK-wide confidential telephone service providing emotional support to parents and carers of autistic children and adults.	National
National Autistic Society – Transition to Adulthood	Our transition support service is a free service for parents and carers to help students in Year 9 and above to make the transition from school to adult life or further education.	National
National Autistic Society	The National Autistic Society exists to champion the rights and interests of all people with autism and to ensure that they and their families receive quality services appropriate to their needs. The Autism Helpline provides information, advice and support for people with an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD), their families and professionals.	National
Parent Carers Voice	A group of parent carers with children and young people with a SEND or additional need who work with the Local Authority to shape services for children/young people with SEND.	Local
Project SEARCH	Project SEARCH is a supported internship programme to help young people 18-24 with learning difficulties or disabilities secure and keep paid permanent jobs.	Local
SEND Partnership Service	Impartial information, advice and guidance for parents/carers with a child/young person as well as the young person with SEND or additional need (including Autism).	Local
Shout Out! Advocacy support at Off The Record	Our independent supporters are trained to help families and young people during an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessment.	Local
Speech and Language therapy	The Children’s Speech and Language Therapy Service provides a high quality speech and language therapy service to children and young people with speech, language, communication, feeding and swallowing difficulties.	Local

The Curly Hair Project	The Curly Hair Project is a social enterprise based in the UK, which aims to help people with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their loved ones.	National
WECIL	WECIL runs regular sessions every month for children and young disabled people in different areas of Bristol and B&NEs.	Local
Wellbeing Options	A website that has information to help adults live independently. Includes information for adults with learning disabilities	Local
Young minds	Information about autism and mental health.	National
Youth Connect South West	Provides support for people aged 13-19 years (up to 25 with a current EHCP)	Local