

WTPN REGIONAL DIRECTORY OF SERVICES



SERVICES SUPPORTING PARENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES/DISABILITIES

As at February 2024



The aim of the Directory is simply to provide a signpost to services that support parents with learning difficulties / disabilities and uphold the general principles of the Good Practice Guidance on working with parents with a learning disability. [FINAL 2021 WTPN](#)

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The information contained in this Directory has been contributed by members of the Working Together with Parents Network.

We welcome feedback and contributions that will help us to build and improve the Directory by adding further information, keeping it relevant, up to date and easy to use.

We would particularly welcome contributions from our members in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Contact us by email at wtw-pn@bristol.ac.uk

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This Directory is currently split into the following WTPN regions:

- South West
- West Midlands
- North
- South East & London
- UK wide

Categories of services currently include:

- Independent advocacy
- Accessible / easy read information
- Parenting Assessments
- Domestic Abuse
- Support
- Health
- Maternity
- Legal
- Schools and Educational Settings
- Training



WTPN SOUTH WEST REGION



SERVICE PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS	INFORMATION
INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY		
The Devon Advocacy Consortium	Tel : 0845 231 1900 Email: devonadvocacy@livingoptions.org Website: https://www.devonadvocacy.org.uk/	Our aim is to support people to have their voice heard and their rights upheld. We help people to engage in health and social care issues that affect them, be involved with decisions being made about them and be aware of choices available to them.

		The Devon Advocacy Consortium has advocates who are experienced in supporting parents with learning disabilities.
Devon Link Up Advocacy Services	<p>For more information or enquiries please contact Rosie Chambers</p> <p>Tel: 07415 146578 Email: advocacy@devonlink-up.org Website: http://www.devonlink-up.org</p>	<p>Devon Link Up Advocacy Services provide experienced independent lay advocates for vulnerable parents with learning disabilities/autism living in Devon involved in child protection / local authority led pre-proceedings meetings (CORE conferences, Looked After Child Reviews) & Court Proceedings (out of court legal meetings, pre-hearing conferences with council, and attended/remote court hearings).</p> <p>(See also our training, assessments, and easy read services, below.)</p>
Plymouth Parent Advocacy Project	<p>Plymouth Highbury Trust, 207 Outland Road, Plymouth PL2 3PF</p> <p>Tel: 01752 753 719 Email: katecowling@plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk Website: http://www.plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Providing specialist parent advocacy for parents going through child protection and care proceedings; volunteer provided support at child in need meetings and LAC reviews; post adoption support for parents including use of 'Letterbox' contact; self-advocacy support groups for parents to help reduce social isolation and increase self-confidence; WISER (Women in Safe</p>

		Empowering Relationships) a domestic abuse awareness course for women with a learning disability; easy read information.
Your Say Advocacy (Avon & Somerset, Gloucestershire, Portsmouth area)	<p>Kestrel Court, Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 7AN Tel: 01275390525</p> <p>Unit 36 BasePoint, Beaufort Park, Chepstow, NP16 5UH Tel: 01291417933</p> <p>And mob: 07778496707 Email: info@yoursay-advocacy.com or Kirstie@yoursay-advocacy.com Website: www.yoursay-advocacy.com</p>	<p>Independent Advocacy service specialising in supporting vulnerable parents across all aspects of LA interventions – Child Protection, Core groups, LAC, Child in Need, PLO and Court.</p> <p>Skilled Advocates with excellent communication skills able to provide ‘Intermediary’++ support in the Court.</p> <p>Assessments for Court Participation and reasonable adjustment requirements undertaken.</p>
Vocal Advocacy (Devon and Torbay)	<p>Tel: 01803 868300 Email: Vocaladvocacy@btconnect.com Website: www.vocaladvocacy.org.uk</p>	<p>We provide issue-based advocacy for people with a learning disability / Care Act advocacy / Advocacy for parents who have a learning disability.</p>

<p>Parent Service – Swindon Advocacy Movement</p> <p>(Swindon and surrounding areas)</p>	<p>Tel: 01793 542266 Email: coletteosullivan@swindonadvocacy.org.uk or info@swindonadvocacy.org.uk Website: http://www.swindonadvocacy.org.uk</p>	<p>Service for Parents with a Learning Disability who are going through child protection / court proceedings and live in Swindon (funded by LA).</p> <p>Also, Swindon and surrounding areas, Spot Purchase Service for Parents with support needs (mental ill health, autism, acquired brain injury etc.) who have involvement from Children’s services.</p>
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ACCESSIBLE / EASY READ INFORMATION

<p>Devon Link Up</p>	<p>The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton, Devon EX14 1LZ</p> <p>Tel: 07808053992 Email: admin@devonlink-up.org Website: http://www.devonlink-up.org</p>	<p>Information created and ‘translated’ into easy read for people with learning disabilities or literacy difficulties.</p>
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<p>Plymouth Parent Advocacy Project</p>	<p>Plymouth Highbury Trust, 207 Outland Road, Plymouth PL2 3PF</p>	<p>Information can be translated into an ‘easy-read’ format for parents and for the use of</p>
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	<p>Tel: 01752 753 719 Email: katecowling@plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk Website: http://www.plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk</p>	<p>services working with those with a learning disability.</p>
PARENTING ASSESSMENTS		
<p>Hector Independent Social Work (Somerset)</p>	<p>Tel: 07896 255180 Email: pippa@hectorisw.co.uk Website: www.hectorisw.co.uk</p>	<p>Specialist parenting assessments for parents at risk of having their children removed from their care.</p>
<p>Devon Link Up</p>	<p>For more information or enquiries please contact Jo Morgan (Chief Officer)</p> <p>Tel: 07808053992 Email: Jom@devonlink-up.org Website: http://www.devonlink-up.org</p>	<p>From February 2022, Devon Link Up advocates will be trained in Parent Assess.</p>
<p>Dorset HealthCare Learning Disabilities Services</p>	<p>Tel: see website for separate team details Email: see website for separate team details</p>	<p>Assessment of skills – practical and cognitive; Input to improve skills; support to</p>

(Dorset Council)	Website: https://www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services-hospitals/mental-health/learning-disabilities	understand information; Support to other services to ensure they adapt their input for learning disabled parents. We are signed up to a joint Parenting Protocol with Dorset Council in line with the best practice guidance.
SUPPORT		
The Specialist Parenting Service (Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly)	First Floor Offices, Building A, Green Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro, TR4 9LF Tel: 01872 246954 Email: cpn-tr.SPSTeam@nhs.net Website: www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/specialist-parenting/	Our team helps parents by providing specialist assessment and intervention to help them achieve their parenting potential and improve outcomes for their children. We aim to offer early intervention, preventative support, pre-birth preparation, and intensive support up to the age of two; also, work with older children when parents are struggling.
Home Start Kernow (Cornwall)	Tel: 07596 119410 Email: Helen@homestartkernow.org.uk Website: www.homestartkernow.org.uk	A weekly home-visiting volunteer to support parents' emotional wellbeing and parenting strengths; support from the Coordinator to access other services and attend meetings.

<p>Vocal Advocacy (Devon and Torbay)</p>	<p>Tel: 01803 868300 Email: Vocaladvocacy@btconnect.com Website: www.vocaladvocacy.org.uk</p>	<p>We offer person-centred planning and facilitation of support plans (PATH) etc.</p>
<p>BCP Council and Dorset HealthCare NHS Trust (Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole)</p>	<p>Tel: 01202 605830 Email: learningdisability@bcpcouncil.gov.uk Website:</p>	<p>We are an Integrated (Health and Social Care) Adult Learning Disabilities Service. We provide the following services: Assess cognitive and functional abilities; housing-related issues and activities of daily living, including leisure; assess communication and relational issues; advise how the learning disability could impact parenting and guidance on strategies; review accessible information provided by Children’s Services; assess and treat mental health difficulties. (We do not undertake parenting assessments.)</p>
<p>HEALTH SECTOR</p>		
<p>Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust</p>	<p>Tel: 01872 254610 Email: rch-tr.LearningDisabilities@nhs.net</p>	<p>We support any children and adults with a learning disability and/or autism when they attend the acute setting.</p>

Website: <https://www.royalcornwall.nhs.uk/our-care-promise/learning-disabilities/>

TRAINING

Devon Link Up

The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton, Devon EX14 1LZ

Tel: 07808053992

Email: Jom@devonlink-up.org

Website: <http://www.devonlink-up.org>

Training about learning disabilities and the impact on day-to-day life.
Training health and care professionals in how to work best with people with learning disabilities.
Training in how to produce information in accessible / easy read formats.
Training about the importance and role of advocacy.

Plymouth Parent Advocacy Project

Plymouth Highbury Trust, 207 Outland Road, Plymouth PL2 3PF

Tel: 01752 753 719

Email:

katecowling@plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk

Website:

<http://www.plymouthhighburytrust.org.uk>

Providing training for professionals in working with parents with a learning disability.

<p>Person Centred Training Solutions</p> <p>(Avon & Somerset, Gloucestershire, Portsmouth area)</p>	<p>Kestrel Court, Harbour Road, Portishead, Bristol, BS20 7AN</p> <p>Unit 36 BasePoint, Beaufort Park, Chepstow, NP16 5UH</p> <p>Tel: 07778496707 Email: Kirstie.mann@pcts.email Website: https://www.personcentredtrainingsolutions.co.uk</p>	<p>PCTS provides a range of training across aspects of supporting adults – including parents.</p> <p>PCTS also offers the National Advocacy Qualification NVQ in Independent Advocacy (3610) and is very reflective of those Advocacy services and Advocates who are not providing Statutory Advocacy.</p>
<p>The Specialist Parenting Service</p> <p>(Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly)</p>	<p>First Floor Offices, Building A, Green Court, Truro Business Park, Threemilestone, Truro, TR4 9LF</p> <p>Tel: 01872 246954 Email: cpn-tr.SPSTeam@nhs.net Website: www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/specialist-parenting/</p>	<p>The service provides professional training and presentations about best practice in working with parents with learning disabilities and coordinates the inter-agency working group for parents with learning disabilities.</p>
<p>LEGAL</p>		
<p>Karen Furness (Solicitor)</p> <p>@Cornwall Law LLP</p>	<p>Tel: 01872 222 688 Email: kjf@cornwall-law.com Website: https://www.cornwall-law.com/</p>	<p>We operate in Cornwall but can also offer Team video appointments/attendance at out of area court hearings, in some cases.</p>

<p>(Cornwall)</p>		<p>We only practise family law. This includes: care proceedings; domestic abuse (non-molestation/occupation orders); divorce/ancillary relief; contact/residence applications.</p>
<p>Andrew Lobb (Solicitor) Stephens Scown LLP (Cornwall & South West)</p>	<p>Tel: 01726 627 328 Mob: 07812 182365 Email: Children.StAustell@stephens-scown.co.uk Website: https://www.stephens-scown.co.uk/</p>	<p>We represent parents or other family members in all matters concerning Children's Services, including Public Law Outline Meetings and Public Law proceedings, care and adoption proceedings.</p>



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SERVICE PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS	INFORMATION
INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY		
Cat Rowe Independent Advocate AdvoCATE Services (Coventry & Warwickshire mainly)	AdvoCATE Services, PO Box 6334, Warwick CV34 9QG Tel: 07584 124187 Email: AdvoCATE.services@outlook.com Website: www.advocate-services.co.uk	I specialise in working with people with learning disabilities. This sometimes involves non-instructed advocacy where a client is unable to directly tell me their wishes. This involves completing observations, reading relevant documentation and liaising with

		family and professionals involved. I also complete court work; supporting people with additional needs to understand the legal process & relevant paperwork. This is particularly relevant for parents with learning disabilities going through child protection proceedings.
People in Partnership (Birmingham)	<p>People in Partnership, Southside, 249 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B12 8LF</p> <p>Tel: 0121 440 4685 Email: helen@peopleinpartnership.org Website: http://peopleinpartnership.org.uk/</p>	<p>We have been providing services to parents with learning difficulties/disabilities for 20 years.</p> <p>Our services include advocacy support for parents throughout child protection/care proceedings and also follow-on advocacy support to parents post proceedings.</p> <p>[See also our other entries under Support, and Training below.]</p>
Solihull Action Through Advocacy (Solihull, Birmingham)	<p>Tel : 01217064696 Email: office@solihulladvocacy.org.uk Website: www.solihulladvocacy.org.uk,</p>	<p>Independent advocacy for parents with learning disabilities when there are child protection concerns; enabling parents to understand the processes, to be involved at meetings and in court to make sure their views and opinions are heard.</p>

<p>Fort Advocacy (Midlands)</p>	<p>Grosvenor House, 11 St Paul's Square, Birmingham, B3 1RB</p> <p>Tel: 07854 314276 Email: referrals@fortadvocacy.co.uk Website: www.fortadvocacy.co.uk</p>	<p>We provide parental advocacy across the Midlands and throughout England.</p> <p>Our advocacy model incorporates nuanced methods to simplify the child protection and family court processes for parents with learning disabilities, learning needs and / or mental health illnesses; this can also include any other remit of local authority child welfare related involvement.</p>
<p>Casba Advocacy (South Birmingham)</p>	<p>Tel: 0121 475 0777 Email: admin@casba.org.uk Website: https://www.casba.org.uk/</p>	<p>CASBA provides Independent Advocacy to people with a learning disability, who are over 18 and live in South Birmingham.</p> <p>Parents advocacy – This helps parents with a learning disability during their pregnancy and as new parents until their child is 5. We work with parents on a 1-2-1 basis. We help parents to prepare for baby, attending medical appointments, fill in forms and understand information, get in touch with other services and also offer the following groups:-</p> <p>Self Advocacy sessions and parents group which are delivered by a parent with lived experience.</p>

		<p>Financial Advocacy project which supports with benefits, debts and budgeting</p> <p>Crisis Advocacy Project – This project provides urgent support for people at risk of losing their rights and entitlements, not getting access to the right support and services and not being listened to, including support to make a complaint.</p>
<p>DOMESTIC ABUSE</p>		
<p>Birmingham and Solihull Women’s Aid – Violence Against Women and Girls with Learning Disabilities (VAWG LD)</p>	<p>Tel: 0121 685 8687 Email: LearningDisabilityProject@bswaid.org</p> <p>For service users: Helpline: 0808 800 0028 (Monday to Friday, 9.15am-5.15pm),</p> <p>Webchat: www.bswaid.org (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm).</p>	<p>Service available for women in Birmingham. Providing drop-in and long-term support for women with learning disabilities who have experienced domestic abuse. Advocacy, emotional support, safety planning, and linking in with other learning disability organisations, as well as organisations providing financial advice, housing, parenting, legal advice, and so on. The service also provides support and advice for professionals.</p>

<p>Casba Advocacy (South Birmingham)</p>	<p>Tel: 0121 475 0777 Email: admin@casba.org.uk Website: https://www.casba.org.uk/</p>	<p>Freedom Programme for ladies with a learning difference – This is a domestic violence course.</p>
<p>PARENTING ASSESSMENTS</p>		
<p>AR Assessments Ltd (Staffordshire)</p>	<p>Tel: 07748635336 Email: arassessments@hotmail.com Website:</p>	<p>Specialising In parenting assessments and post-assessment teaching.</p>
<p>Dudley Lodge and Bonner House (Coventry & Birmingham)</p>	<p>Dudley Lodge Address: 143 Warwick Road, Coventry, CV3 6AT Tel: 02476 502800 Gen Email: safeguarding@dudleylodge.co.uk Referrals Email: referrals@dudleylodge.co.uk</p> <p>Website: www.dudleylodge.co.uk</p> <p>Bonner House Address: 172 Sellywood Road, Birmingham, B30 1TJ Tel: 02476 502800</p>	<p>Dudley Lodge has 2 residential assessment centres, 1 in Coventry and 1 in Birmingham.</p> <p>We are recognised by Ofsted as Outstanding at our Centre in Coventry and Good at our Centre in Birmingham.</p> <p>We accept families from all over the UK for residential assessments which are typically 12 weeks in duration.</p> <p>Dudley Lodge specialises in support for parents who have a learning need or disability and offer PAMS assessments to those who meet the criteria (a specific assessment tool for parents</p>

	Website: www.dudleylodge.co.uk	<p>with a learning disability, designed by Sue McGaw).</p> <p>Our interventions are tailored to ensure these meet the individual needs of the families, and include incorporation of physical role modelling, videos, picture prompts and repetition of information to help promote learning and understanding of information.</p>
SUPPORT		
Paul Eggett (Worcestershire)	Tel : 01905 769885 Email: paul.eggett@btopenworld.com Website:	Cognitive behavioural therapy to assist in strengthening attachment with a particular focus on the parents' own attachment; attachment-focused assessments of children and/or parent(s) for court proceedings.
People in Partnership (Birmingham)	People in Partnership, Southside, 249 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B12 8LF Tel: 0121 440 4685 Email: helen@peopleinpartnership.org Website: http://peopleinpartnership.org.uk/	We have been providing services to parents with learning difficulties/disabilities for 20 years, including Early intervention family support. [See also our other entries here under Advocacy, and Training.]

<p>Hurdle (Coventry and surrounding area)</p>	<p>Tel: 02476 502800 Email: info@hurdle.org.uk Website: www.hurdle.org.uk</p>	<p>We are a voluntary community support project which aims to reduce the number of children taken into the care system each year by focusing on prevention work. Our aim is to help parents to overcome the barriers that prevent them from providing a safe home for them and their children.</p> <p>We support men and women within a 30-mile radius of Coventry who have suffered a loss of a child to the care system, or who are currently pregnant and at risk of their new baby being removed.</p> <p>Support includes befriending, mentoring, parenting preparation, practical and emotional support, signposting and accompanying; in addition to offering a parenting group, protection group, Freedom Programme and access to counselling/therapy.</p>
<p>Casba Advocacy (South Birmingham)</p>	<p>Tel: 0121 475 0777 Email: admin@casba.org.uk Website: https://www.casba.org.uk/</p>	<p>Mellow Parenting sessions - Mellow futures is an early intervention programme for Mums and Dads with a learning disability or difficulty. Mellow futures aims to create positive, successful relationships between parents and children.</p>

MATERNITY

CanDo Doulas CIC (West Midlands)

Tel: Su Barber 07792 586649
Email: cando4parents@gmail.com
Website: www.candodoula.org

We are a Community Interest Company of compassionate doulas, who work across the West Midlands to support parents with learning difficulties and complex needs, through pregnancy, birth and post-natally.

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People in Partnership (Birmingham)

People in Partnership, Southside, 249 Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, B12 8LF
Tel: 0121 440 4685

Email: helen@peopleinpartnership.org for enquiries about preventing unplanned pregnancy/sexual health and relationship training

Email: kevin@peopleinpartnership.org for enquiries about safeguarding and lifestyle training/Stay Safe Join In training

Website: <http://peopleinpartnership.org.uk/>

We have been providing services to parents with learning difficulties/disabilities for 20 years.
'When Will I Be Ready?' training – covers relationships, abuse, consent, contraception, preparing for parenthood.
[See also our other entries here under Advocacy, and Support.]



WTPN NORTHERN REGION



SERVICE PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS	INFORMATION
INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY		
KeyRing (Oldham, Greater Manchester)	Tel: 0161 628 4133 Email: enquiries@keyring.org Website: https://www.keyring.org/where-we-work/north-west	We provide tenancy related support; support with appointments, navigating agencies and systems; advocate individuals' wishes and concerns to social care and other agencies, being part of a community. We can also provide support for parents involved with Children's Services.

<p>Embrace Wigan and Leigh</p> <p>(Commissioned only for parents living within the Wigan Council boundary)</p>	<p>Platt Bridge Community Zone. 81 Ribble Road, Platt Bridge, Wigan. WN2 5EG</p> <p>Tel: 0194 223 3323</p> <p>Email: info@embracewiganandleigh.org.uk</p> <p>Website: www.embracewiganandleigh.org.uk</p>	<p>We provide an advocacy service for parents with learning disabilities/difficulties whose children are subject to local authority intervention.</p> <p>We offer support in multi-agency meetings helping parents understand what is being asked of them. We also identify the correct services and make suggestions of support to families for the best possible outcome available.</p> <p>If a family is involved in Care Proceedings we will attend court with the parent(s) to ensure they understand fully what is happening and what is being asked of them.</p>
<p>PARENTING ASSESSMENTS</p>		
<p>PAFA (Parenting Assessments For All) Ltd</p> <p>Wirral</p>	<p>Family Assessment Centre, Wirral</p> <p>Tel: 0151 384 8102</p> <p>Email: info@pafaparenting.co.uk</p> <p>Website: https://www.pafaparenting.co.uk/</p>	<p>We support & help individuals gain new skills to enhance their parenting, our assessment is tailored around each of the individuals' needs.</p>

		<p>PAFA Ltd will offer a 12-week intensive Residential Parenting Assessment and Support Programme for parents and children where there are significant concerns, already observed in respect to safeguarding, or in the social work assessment of the parent’s capacity to provide appropriate care.</p> <p>PAFA will offer up to 14 weeks of accommodation whilst families are awaiting Court outcomes and/or formal arrangements to be agreed following the assessment period.</p>
<p>Sisu Services</p> <p>(Based in the North West – accepts nationwide referrals for residential services)</p>	<p>Tel: 0333 533 3350</p> <p>Email: info@sisuservices.co.uk</p> <p>Website: www.sisuservices.co.uk</p> <p>www.facebook.com/sisuservices/</p> <p>https://twitter.com/Sisu_services</p>	<p>At Sisu Services we provide support to parents alongside a parenting assessment using a relationship-based, trauma informed approach. All staff are trained in working with parents with learning disabilities/difficulties.</p> <p>Residential family centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-14 weeks residential family support and assessment using the Parent Assess framework <p>Community Family Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 in the home assessment

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Or less dependent on need – can be an intensive support and assessment package with 24/7 on call access. <p>Hybrid Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 weeks post birth in the residential setting• Move home on a 6 weeks intensive package• 3 weeks on a reduced package <p>ISW Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ParentAssess Assessments• Safe Carer Assessments
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WTPN LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION



SERVICE PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS	INFORMATION
INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY		
Speakeasy Advocacy (Hampshire)	Tel: 01256 332795 / 07824 696444 WhatsApp: 07824696444 Email: Hello@speakeasyadvocacy.org.uk Website: www.speakeasyadvocacy.org.uk	Providing experienced Independent advocacy for parents with learning disabilities, Autism, ABI, mental health or substance abuse going through child protection or care proceedings.

<p>Advocacy in Greenwich</p> <p>(Royal Borough of Greenwich)</p> <p>Can be spot purchased from across London & South East</p>	<p>Tel: 020 8293 3720</p> <p>Email: vicky@advocacyingreenwich.org.uk</p> <p>Website: www.advocacyingreenwich.org.uk</p>	<p>1 to 1 advocacy for parents during Child in Need, Child Protection and Care Proceedings.</p>
<p>The Elfrida Society Parents Project</p> <p>(London & South East)</p>	<p>34 Islington Park Street, London N1 1PX</p> <p>Tel: 0207 359 7443 / 07495 918 724</p> <p>Email: Ali.F.Jabeen@elfrida.com</p> <p>Website: www.elfrida.com</p>	<p>We offer a specialist advocacy service supporting parents with learning disabilities or learning difficulties involved in child in need and child protection cases. We will support parents to understand the process, timeline of events, assessments, family court language, etiquette and rules. We will support parents in meetings with legal representatives and ensure the parent's views and voice are heard.</p> <p>We also have a peer support group for parents Mondays 11-1, learning about safeguarding, how to parent, and how to work with professionals like teachers, social workers, doctors and nurses.</p>
<p>Camden People First</p>	<p>215 Eversholt St, Amptill Square, London NW1 1DE</p> <p>Tel: 0207 388 2007</p> <p>Email: info@camdenpeoplefirst.co.uk</p>	<p>Partnered with Our Group Your Group – parents with learning disabilities.</p>

	<p>Website: www.camdenpeoplefirst.org.uk</p> <p>Facebook – camdeneoplefirst Instagram – Camden.People.First Twitter - @InfosCPF</p>	<p>For advice and advocacy. Drop-in is on Wednesdays from 2pm – 4pm in the Camden office. Telephone advice is also available from 10am to 12pm on 0782 634 7882</p> <p>Easy read provider.</p>
<p>Lewisham Speaking Up</p>	<p>Deptford Albany, Douglas Way London SE8 4AG</p> <p>Tel: 020 8692 1862 (or 07759 410 907 for urgent calls) Email: info@lsup.org.uk Website: https://lsup.org.uk/</p> <p>To make a referral please download the 1-2-1 Advocacy referral form, or email referrals@lsup.org.uk</p>	<p>1-2-1 Advocacy for Parents: An Advocate can help if children’s services are involved. They can help parents understand information / know what their responsibilities are / know the law and their rights; they will go to meetings with parents, speak to social workers and solicitors and make sure the parent’s views and wishes are known.</p> <p>They can help with other problems too.</p> <p>Parents with a learning disability can also join a parent support group.</p>
<p>Brighton & Hove Speak Out (Brighton & Hove)</p>	<p>Tel: 01273 421921 Email: info@bhspeakout.org.uk Website: https://www.bhspeakout.org.uk</p>	<p>Speak Out offers a range of independent advocacy services for adults with a learning disability. This includes advocacy for parents with a learning disability where Children’s Services are involved.</p>

<p>Impact Advocacy Service (West Sussex)</p>	<p>Dove Lodge, 49 Beach Road, Littlehampton BN17 5JG</p> <p>Tel: 01903 730044</p> <p>Email: advocacy@impact-initiatives.org.uk</p> <p>Website: www.impact-initiatives.org.uk</p>	<p>Providing issue-based advocacy support to working age adults across West Sussex. We work with people who have learning disabilities, autism spectrum conditions, acquired brain injury and/or physical or sensory impairments. Our role is to support people to understand their rights and choices and have their voices heard in the issues that are important to them.</p> <p>We also work with parents with learning disabilities at risk of or in child protection proceedings. Our person-centred service aims to ensure parents are able to fully participate in and understand the complex child protection process.</p>
<p>MATERNITY</p>		
<p>St George's Hospital Tooting</p>	<p>Tel: 0776 680 0345 (team phone)</p> <p>Email: Trudy.williams@stgeorges.nhs.uk (Specialist Midwife)</p> <p>Cheryl.edwards@stgeorges.nhs.uk (Occupational Therapist)</p>	<p>Specialised maternity service focusing on the individual needs of pregnant women with additional needs/disabilities e.g. learning / physical /sensory disabilities, autism / Asperger's. Antenatal service collaboration with Specialist Maternity Occupational Therapist and the wider Multi-Disciplinary</p>

	<p>Website: https://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk/service/maternity-services/</p>	<p>Team to plan for pregnancy, birth and parenting. Search 'Getting over the bump' and St George's Hospital maternity website.</p>
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SERVICE PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS	INFORMATION
ADVOCACY		
<p>The Advocacy People (mainly in South West and South East England)</p>	<p>PO Box 375, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 9HU</p> <p>Tel: 0330 440 9000</p> <p>Email: info@theadvocacypeople.org.uk</p> <p>Website: https://www.theadvocacypeople.org.uk/</p>	<p>Parent’s Child Protection Advocacy. This service is only for parents who have children within the Child Protection Process and who have been assessed as having an eligible social care need meeting all three of the following</p>

		<p>conditions, as set out in Care and Support (Eligibility Criteria) Regulations 2015: the adult's needs arise from or are related to a physical or mental impairment or illness; as a result, the adult is unable to achieve 2 or more of the specified outcomes described in the eligibility criteria; as a consequence of being unable to achieve these outcomes there is, or there is likely to be, a significant impact on the adult's wellbeing.</p> <p>Child Protection stages for which support may be provided include: Family group meeting (conference); Review conference; Support with initial conference meeting; Core group meeting; PLO process; Court proceeding.</p>
<p>The Elfrida Society Parents Project</p> <p>(mainly London / South East, but can provide support in some other areas)</p>	<p>34 Islington Park Street, London N1 1PX</p> <p>Tel: 0207 359 7443 / 07495 918 724</p> <p>Email: Ali.F.Jabeen@elfrida.com</p> <p>Website: www.elfrida.com</p>	<p>We offer a specialist advocacy service supporting parents with learning disabilities or learning difficulties involved in child in need and child protection cases. We will support parents to understand the process, timeline of events, assessments, family court language, etiquette and rules. We</p>

		<p>will support parents in meetings with legal representatives and ensure the parent's views and voice are heard.</p> <p>We also have a peer support group for parents Mondays 11-1, learning about safeguarding, how to parent, and how to work with professionals like teachers, social workers, doctors and nurses.</p>
<p>Fort Advocacy</p>	<p>Grosvenor House, 11 St Paul's Square, Birmingham, B3 1RB</p> <p>Tel: 07854 314276 Email: referrals@fortadvocacy.co.uk Website: www.fortadvocacy.co.uk</p>	<p>We provide parental advocacy across the Midlands and throughout England.</p> <p>Our advocacy model incorporates nuanced methods to simplify the child protection and family court processes for parents with learning disabilities, learning needs and / or mental health illnesses; this can also include any other remit of local authority child welfare related involvement.</p>
<p>PARENTING ASSESSMENTS</p>		

<p>St Michael’s Fellowship – Residential Parenting Assessments</p> <p>We accept referrals from across the UK from all Local Authorities.</p>	<p>Tel : 0207 738 4242</p> <p>Email : forty.six@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk</p> <p>Website: https://www.stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk/services/family-residential-assessment-centres</p>	<p>St Michael’s Fellowship offer robust residential parenting assessments. At Forty Six (46 Herne Hill) we specialise in working with parents with learning difficulties and disabilities.</p> <p>We ensure we work with an awareness of the Good Practice Guidance to support all families residing with us to have a fair and accessible assessment, during which we employ the use of CHANGE, easy read, PAMS tools, advocacy services, and other resources developed in-house to support parents in their communication and learning.</p> <p>We also offer comparative PAMS assessments over a 14- week period, within the first three weeks utilising the PAMS tools to identify areas for teaching, then implementing the teaching and support over the next eight weeks, and repeating the PAMS tools in the final weeks to provide a comparison of areas of need and identifying the capacity for change.</p>

<p>ParentAssess</p>	<p>To find an Assessor trained in ParentAssess:</p> <p>Email: info@parentassess.com Website: www.parentassess.com</p>	<p>A comprehensive assessment framework for parents who have learning disabilities or additional needs specifically designed for use in Family Proceedings.</p> <p>Assessors are trained in working with parents who have Learning Disabilities and additional needs. The framework Identifies strengths and concerns of parenting in 5 areas and ensures the parent is involved in the process.</p> <p>Summaries and tables are easy to read and interpret; any recommendations from cognitive assessments are considered; the child's experience of being parented is central to the assessment process; the issue of 'Parenting with Support' is carefully considered; the parent is informed of the outcome in a way they can understand.</p>
<p>Sisu Services</p> <p>(Based in the North West – accepts nationwide referrals for residential services)</p>	<p>Tel: 0333 533 3350 Email: info@sisuservices.co.uk Website: www.sisuservices.co.uk www.facebook.com/sisuservices/</p>	<p>At Sisu Services we provide support to parents alongside a parenting assessment using a relationship-based, trauma informed approach. All staff are trained in working with parents with learning disabilities/difficulties.</p>

https://twitter.com/Sisu_services

Residential family centre

- 12-14 weeks residential family support and assessment using the Parent Assess framework

Community Family Assessment

- 24/7 in the home assessment
- Or less dependent on need – can be an intensive support and assessment package with 24/7 on call access.

Hybrid Package

- 3 weeks post birth in the residential setting
- Move home on a 6 weeks intensive package
- 3 weeks on a reduced package

ISW Assessments

- ParentAssess Assessments
- Safe Carer Assessments

SUPPORT

PAC-UK

Advice Line: 020 7284 5879

Website: www.pac-uk.org

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	<p>Twitter: www.twitter.com/PACUKadoption Facebook: www.facebook.com/PACUKAdoption YouTube: www.youtube.com/PACAdoptionSupport</p>	<p>Our vision is that all those affected by adoption, Special Guardianship and other forms of permanent care are supported and enabled to live their lives to the full.</p> <p>Our Birth Parent & Birth Relatives Service provides a range of advice, counselling, intermediary services and groups for birth parents and other birth relatives. For more information, including eligibility and fees please contact PAC-UK.</p> <p>Our Equality at PAC-UK page includes our Family Action Equality and Diversity Policy.</p>
<p>St Michael’s Fellowship – Securing Change</p> <p>We accept referrals from Local Authorities who have placed families residentially with us.</p>	<p>Tel: 020 8835 9570 Email: admin@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk Website: https://www.stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk/securing-change securingchange@stmichaelsfellowship.org.uk /</p>	<p>Securing Change is a project to ensure support is available once residential family assessments have ended. We help with finding housing, helping with benefits and access to health services. We help parents deal with their feelings after the assessments. We help guide and support new learning, providing access to resources for returning back into the community.</p>

SCHOOLS & EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS		
Parents Need	Linda Gough Tel: 07900 294681 Email: parentsneed@gmail.com Website: https://www.parentsneed.co.uk/	<p>Parents Need offers expert advice, support, resources and training for families with learning disabled parents and for the schools, colleges, local authorities, advocates and charities that work with them.</p> <p>The children of parents with learning difficulties and disabilities, need their educational settings to have a full understanding of the wide-ranging impact of their parents' needs on them and their educational experiences, in order for them to thrive and achieve in schools. These children often have a very different experience of education to their peers. If this is not fully understood and supported, these young people may underachieve, be disaffected and experience social and emotional problems.</p>

TRAINING

ParentAssess

Email: info@parentassess.com

Website: www.parentassess.com

If you are interested in becoming a ParentAssess Assessor or you are a Local Authority or organisation wishing to book a training course please contact us.

Becoming an Assessor:

You must be registered with SW England and have two years of post-qualifying experience.

We believe it is important that assessors understand the issues facing parents who have learning disabilities and additional needs. Although prior experience is valuable, these skills are covered on the ParentAssess Training and additional courses are available.

Because the child's experience is central to the assessment process the training pays particular attention to developing skills in observing the parent/child interaction and how to use video feedback.

