

USEFUL CONTACTS

On the following pages you will find a list of useful addresses and telephone numbers. These are some of the organisations that you may wish to contact for further information. The organisations may be able to give you a local contact point.

ACCAC

Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Authority for Wales. The purpose of the authority is to advance education and training in Wales with a view promoting quality and coherence.

Tel: 029 20 375400

www.accac.org.uk

Action for Sick Children

Provides information to help parents cope with, and prepare for different aspects of children's healthcare. Their work also aims to improve services and attitudes to the way sick children are treated when they are unwell.

Tel: 020 7843 6444

www.actionforsickchildren.org

Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)

ACE is an independent advice centre for parents, offering information about state education in England and Wales for 5-16 year olds. They can offer advice on Special Educational Needs.

Tel: 020 7354 8318

www.ace-ed.org.uk

AFASIC Cymru

Afasic is the UK charity representing children and young adults with communication impairments, working for their inclusion in society and supporting their parents and carers.

Tel: 02920 465854

www.afasic.org.uk

Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

ASBAH provides advice and practical support to those with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, their families and carers.

Tel: 01733 555988

www.asbah.org

Autism Cymru

Autism Cymru promotes the establishment of high quality services to people with autistic spectrum disorders in Wales.

Tel: 01970 639454

www.autismcymru.co.uk

Barnardo's

Barnardo's vision is that the lives of all children and young people should be free from poverty, abuse and discrimination. Their purpose is to help the most vulnerable children and young people transform their lives and fulfil their potential.

Tel: 029 2049 3387

www.barnardos.org.uk

BATOD

Bobath

The Bobath organisation specialises in the treatment of cerebral palsy and acquired neurological conditions in children & adults.

Tel: 029 20 522 600

www.bobathwales.org

www.bobath.org.uk

British Deaf Association

Provides up to date information, counselling, a help-line, community advocacy and youth services.

Tel: 029 2030 2216

www.britishdeafassociation.org.uk

British Dyslexia Association

Offers advice, information and help to families, professionals and dyslexic individuals. They are working to raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia, and to effect change.

Tel: 0118 966 2677

www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk

British Institute for Learning Disabilities

BILD offers a range of services to support learning by professionals, care staff, service users and their families.

Tel: 01562 723010

www.bild.org.uk

Careers Wales Association Limited

Provides all age careers information, advice and guidance services.

www.careerswales.com

Centre for Studies on Inclusive Education (CSIE)

CSIE gives information and advice about inclusive education and related issues.

Tel: 0117 923 8450/ 0117 344 4007

www.inclusion.org.uk

Children in Wales

Children in Wales aims to promote the interests of and take action to identify and meet the needs of children, young people and their families in Wales.

Tel: 029 2034 2434

www.childreninwales.org.uk

Contact a Family Wales

Provides information on over 1,000 rare syndromes and rare disorders and can put families in touch with each other.

Tel: 029 2044 9569

www.cafamily.org.uk/wales

Cystic Fibrosis Trust

The Cystic Fibrosis Trust funds medical and scientific research aimed towards understanding, treating and curing Cystic Fibrosis. It also aims to ensure that people with CF receive the best possible care and support in all aspects of their lives.

Tel: 020 8464 7211

www.cftrust.org.uk

Deafsign

Aims to provide deaf and hearing people with the means to achieve their potential through information services, training programmes, and one-to-one support.

Tel: 01642 580505

www.deafsign.com

Diabetes UK Cymru

Provides a comprehensive bilingual service for those with diabetes, healthcare professionals and local voluntary groups.

www.diabetes.org.uk/cymru

Tel: 029 2066 8276

Disability Advisory and Resource Team

Aims to help disabled people to use community education. Offers advice, practical help and a range of classes all over Cardiff.

Tel: 02920 644696

Disability Rights Commission

The DRC works to eliminate discrimination against disabled people, promote equal opportunities for disabled people, encourages good practice in the treatment of disabled people and advises the Government on the working of disability legislation.

Tel: 08457 622 633

www.drc-gb.org

Disabled Living Foundation

Helps provide the best possible choice for people who use equipment to live a more independent life.

Tel: 020 7289 6111

www.dlf.org.uk

Disability Wales

The national association of disability groups in Wales works to promote the rights, inclusion, equality, and support of all disabled people in Wales.

Tel: 029 2088 7325

www.dwac.demon.co.uk

Down's Syndrome Association

The Down's Syndrome Association exists to support people with Down's syndrome, their family and carers as well as providing information for those with a professional interest.

Tel: 029 2052 2511

www.dsa-uk.com

Dyspraxia Foundation

Aims to support individuals and families affected by dyspraxia, to promote better diagnostic and treatment facilities for those who have dyspraxia, to help professionals in health and education to assist those with Dyspraxia and promote awareness and understanding.

Tel: 01462 454 986

www.dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk

Dyscovery Centre

The Trust aims to increase the support provided to both the public and professionals working with individuals with Dyspraxia and related conditions.

Tel: 029 2062 8222

www.dyscovery.co.uk

Epilepsy Action

Epilepsy Action is the working name for British Epilepsy Association.

Tel: 0808 800 5050

www.epilepsy.org.uk

Epilepsy Wales

Helps people in Wales who have epilepsy and their families and carers.

www.epilepsy-wales.co.uk

Tel: 01745 584444

Family Fund Trust

Aim to ease the stress on families in the UK who care for severely disabled children under 16, by providing grants and information related to the care of the child.

Tel: 01904 621115

www.familyfundtrust.org.uk

Home Education Advisory Service

HEAS offers information for home educators including advice about educational materials, resources, GCSE examinations, special educational needs, information technology, legal matters and curriculum design. HEAS produces a range of leaflets and the Home Education Handbook.

Tel: 01707 371854

www.heas.org.uk

Hyperactive Children's Support Group

Britain's leading proponents of a dietary approach to the problem of hyperactivity in children helping families to cope with their hyperactivity children.

Tel: 01243 551313

www.hacsg.org.uk

ICAN (National Educational Charity for Children with Speech and Language Difficulties)

ICAN helps children in their own special schools, nurseries and centres within local schools and by providing training and information for parents, teachers and therapists.

Tel: 0870 010 4066

www.ican.org.uk

Independent Panel for Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

IPSEA can provide independent advice on appealing to the Special Educational Needs Tribunal, including representation when needed.

Tel: 01394 380 518

Help Line: 0800 018 4016

www.ipsea.org.uk

Independent Special Education Advice (ISEA)

Tel: 0131 665 7080

Help Line: 0131 454 0096

MENCAP Cymru

MENCAP offers information, advice and support to people with a learning disability and their families and carers.

Tel: 029 2074 7588

www.mencap.org.uk

MIND Cymru (National Association for Mental Health)

Offers advice and information to those who suffer mental distress and their families/ carers.

Tel: 029 2039 5123

www.mind.org.uk/mindcymru

Motability

Motability helps disabled people and their families to become more mobile.

Tel: 01279 635666

www.motability.co.uk

National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux

Provides independent, confidential, impartial and free advice.

Tel: 020 7833 2181

www.nacab.org.uk

National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE)

NACE offers education professionals support, in improving classroom practice for able, gifted and talented pupils, with the intention that all pupils will benefit.

Tel: 02865 861 879

www.nace.co.uk

National Association for the Education of Sick Children (NAESC)

The NAESC work exclusively to improve educational opportunity across the UK for all children whose education is disrupted by illness.

Tel: 013 3263 8586

www.sickchildren.org.uk

National Association for Gifted Children

Offers advice for children, families/carers and professionals.

Tel: 0870 7703 217

www.nagcbrtain.org.uk

National Association of Special Educational Needs (NASEN)

NASEN promotes the interests of those with exceptional learning needs and/or disabilities, provides a forum for those actively involved with exceptional learning needs and/or disabilities and contributes to the formulation and development of policy in the area.

Tel: 01827 311500

www.nasen.org.uk

National Autistic Society (Wales)

NAS provides education, treatment, welfare and care to people with autism and related conditions.

Tel: 01792 815915

www.nas.org.uk

National Children's Bureau

The NCB plays an active role in policy development and advocacy undertaking research, promoting multidisciplinary, cross-agency partnerships, promoting good practice and disseminating information to professionals, policy makers, parents and children and young people.

Tel: 020 7843 6000

www.ncb.org.uk

National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS)

The NDCS supports deaf children, young deaf people and their families in overcoming the challenges of childhood deafness. They aim to give deaf children the best possible start, providing the knowledge, support and opportunities to empower all deaf children.

Tel: 02920 373474

www.ndcs.org.uk

National Portage Association

Portage is a home-visiting service for pre-school children who have special needs. Portage assesses the needs of pre-school children, including those with physical difficulties, and then, in partnership with parents, builds on the abilities the child already has, teaching skills the child has yet to master.

Tel: 01935 471641 (Mon & Thurs, 9.00-13.00)

www.portage.org.uk

Parents for Inclusion

Parent's help parents so that disabled children can learn, make friends and have a voice in ordinary school .

Tel: 020 7735 7735

Getting A Life Help Line: 020 7582 5008

www.parentsforinclusion.org

PHAB Wales

Helps to promote and encourage disabled and non disabled people to come together on equal terms, to achieve complete inclusion within the wider community.

Tel: 029 2075 0700

www.phab.org.uk

Present (formerly known as the National Association for the Education of Sick Children)

18 Victoria Park Square

Bethnal Green

London

E2 9PF

Tel: 020 8980 8523

Website: <http://www.sickchildren.org.uk>

Pre-School Learning Alliance

Is dedicated to supporting the work of community pre-schools, through training courses, quality assurance systems, local visiting by skilled advisers, a range of helpful publications and other merchandise, advice and helplines.

Tel: 020 7833 0991

www.pre-school.org.uk

RNIB Cymru

Provides services as effectively as possible to blind and partially sighted people across Wales.

Tel: 029 2033 30334

www.rnib.org.uk/services/cymru

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SCOPE Cwmpas Cymru

Scope's education services provide training and support for children and adults with cerebral palsy, as well as for parents and helpers.

Tel: 029 2046 1703

www.scope.org.uk

SCOVO

SCOVO is an all-Wales umbrella organisation, helps voluntary groups and organisations in Wales, promoting the right of people with learning disabilities to have valued lives.

Tel: 01554 746782

www.scovo.demon.co.uk

SENSE Cymru

Offers advice, groups and services to help sensory impaired people of all ages.

Tel: 029 2045 7641

www.senco.org.uk

SNAP Cymru

SNAP Cymru provides Independent Parental Support Services in Wales providing information and support to families of children and young people who have or may have special educational needs.

Tel: 029 2038 8776

www.snapcymru.org

Tuberous Sclerosis Association of GB

Supporting sufferers, promoting awareness, and seeking the causes and best possible management of Tuberous Sclerosis.

Tel: 01527 871898

www.tuberous-sclerosis.org

VoiceUK

Voice UK is a support and information group for adults and children with learning disabilities who have experienced crime or abuse, and their families and carers.

Tel: 01332 202555

www.voiceUK@clara.net