

For parents of children 0-5 years with

Social Communication difficulties

What are social communication difficulties?

A child or young person would be described as having social communication difficulties if they struggle to understand the usual social aspects of communication, which most people take for granted. This causes them difficulty in relating to others and impacts on their ability to form relationships. Individuals with Autism have social communication difficulties as part of their condition, but will have some additional difficulties such as repetitive mannerisms and a narrow range of interests.

Support groups and organisations

- ADHD/ASD group – monthly groups at Ely, Histon, Peterborough and Huntingdon help parents and carers who have children with ADHD and Autism with or without a diagnosis coordinated by Pinpoint.
01480 877333 (Jackie or Eve)
jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk
- National Autistic Society – Leading UK charity for people with autism and their families. Provides information, support and pioneering new ways to support people and understand autism.
www.autism.org.uk • 0808 800 4104
Cambridge Branch –
www.nascambridge.org.uk

NAS parent support group-an informal group to meet other parents and carers of children or adults on the autistic spectrum • 07920 150407.

Resources

- Autism Help-Practical advice for parents and teachers from the early years to adulthood
www.autismhelp.info
- Research Autism- Impartial information about interventions in use
www.researchautism.net

Additional information available from Early Support coordinators

- Early Support information on Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Genetics of Autism and disorders with autistic features (ASD)

You may also be interested in:

Search Facebook for:

- Gina Davies Autism Centre
- National Autistic Society

Search Google/Bing for role models:

Chris Packham-Naturalist and TV presenter
Daryl Hannah – Actress
Ros Blackburn – National and international public speaker
Rosie King-Activist and writer for the BBC
Susan Boyle-Singer
Temple Grandin-Professor of animal science

Online groups/forums:

- National Autistic Society online community
<http://community.autism.org.uk>