

Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. Please discuss your child's interactions with your GP, health visitor or your child's school / nursery. **Find your nearest children's centre by clicking here.**

Autism assessments are carried out by a multi-disciplinary team at your local hospital. Your GP, health visitor or Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) can help refer you to this team. You may find there is a waiting list to be seen by the team.

There are things you can do while you wait for your child to be assessed:

- If your child isn't at school yet, you can talk to one of our local **Family Support** Workers to see how we can help. Pop into one of our family centres, email [contact@family-support.org.uk](mailto:contact@family-support.org.uk) or phone **020 8753 6070**
- When supporting children with SEND, our **Early Years Foundations Stage** will go into private, voluntary and independent (PVI) settings, with parental consent. Contact us at [eyfservice@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:eyfservice@lbhf.gov.uk)
- **The Stephen Wiltshire Centre** is a specialist centre dedicated to children and young (0 - 25 years old) people with SEND and their families. **Please see below** for more information.
- Speak to your school or education setting about accessing support for your child. **See the document here** to learn more about what support you can expect from mainstream schools.



## IF YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM

Click the links below for a range of support available to you and your family in Hammersmith & Fulham, including support:

- in **education settings** such as nurseries, schools, colleges or university
- from your **local GP or hospital**
- to help your family's **health and wellbeing**
- for parents to understand autism (through workshops such as **Early Bird**)
- at the family-centred **Cheyne Child Development Service**
- at **Let's Unite for Autism** - a resource centre in the borough for parents and carers of children and young people with autism
- at **Ambitious about Autism's** Right from the start online toolkit, which is packed with practical tips and checklists for parents and carers
- in taking a short break from looking after your child (**Short Breaks**)
- from the **Disabled Children's Team**
- from the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (**CAMHS**)
- using **Coffee Mornings** for parents and carers of children and young people with autism
- following the **Hungry Little Minds** campaign, and sharing simple, fun activities for kids, from new-born to five
- from the **Speech and Language Therapy Service** provided by Central London Community Healthcare

Thinking about the future? Visit our **Preparing for Adulthood** section that can help you plan your child's transition into adulthood. It includes advice on education options, getting a job and living independently.

## THE STEPHEN WILTSHIRE CENTRE

**The Stephen Wiltshire Centre** is a specialist centre dedicated to children and young people (0 - 25 years old) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families. The centre delivers a range of activities, information and support in partnership with local services and agencies. Families can:



- get advice and support from professionals
- meet other children and families
- find out more about pre- and post- diagnosis options
- access local services (referrals can be made to some services)
- find out more about short breaks or respite care
- take part in family fun days, drop-in advice sessions and holiday schemes
- find out more about SEN Support and Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

### To contact the centre:

✉ [StephenWiltshireCentre@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:StephenWiltshireCentre@lbhf.gov.uk)

🌐 [www.lbhf.gov.uk/stephenwiltshirecentre](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/stephenwiltshirecentre)

📍 Queensmill Road  
SW6 6JR

📞 020 8753 4443

Do you have questions about SEND and prefer speaking a member of staff? Call the number above (**Monday - Friday, 10am - 1pm**) or visit our centre to speak to a member of staff.

## WHAT'S AVAILABLE LOCALLY?

Please see below a map of local services and support that is available for you and your family if your child / young person (aged 0 - 25) has been diagnosed with ASD. **Click on the boxes** for more information about services.

### Social care

Family Support

Disabled Children's Team (DCT)

A range of short breaks

Adult Learning Disability Service

Integrated Transition Team (into adulthood)

### Education

Educational Psychology Service

Special Schools

Integrated Keyworking Service

Occupational Therapy

Inclusion and Specialist Support Service (InSpire)

Resource Bases

EHCP Service

Integrated Transition Team (into adulthood)

Queensmill Outreach

Speech and Language Therapy

Supported Internships

### Advice and information

Parentsactive

H&F Mencap

Support for carers

Bishop Creighton House

National Autistic Society (NAS) West London branch

West London Action for Children

Parent groups hosted by schools (open to all parents)

Action on Disability

Let's unite for autism

Independent Advice and Support service (IASS)

### Health

Child Development and Neurodisability service (Cheyne Child Development Service)

Speech and Language Therapy

School Nurses

Specialist Dental Services

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Post-diagnosis support

Adult Social Care / Transition Team

Wheelchair Service

### Benefits

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

Direct Payments

16 - 19 Bursary Fund

Accessible Transport

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

## FURTHER RESEARCH

There are many **trusted** and **free** resources on autism that don't require any prior experience or qualifications which you can learn at your own pace. There are also workshops that you can attend. You can find some we recommend below:

- Research Autism
- Future Learn
- nasen
- Parent workshops for children with social communication difficulties
- Understanding ASD after diagnosis

## EDUCATION, HEALTH AND CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT (EHCPNA)

Not all children with SEND will require an EHCP. If your child does not have an EHCP, the school still have a duty to meet their needs -- this called **SEN Support**.

- [Click here to learn more about what support you can expect from mainstream schools for your child who has SEND](#)
- [Click here to view a helpful infographic on Education, Health and Care Plans \(EHCPs\)](#)



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# SEND LOCAL OFFER

INFORMATION ON LOCAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (AGE 0-25) WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES, AND THEIR FAMILIES