

## Services for Parents/Carers Hampshire

Our Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) service offers parents/carers in Hampshire (including Portsmouth) FREE support with no formal diagnosis required. As part of our IAG service we offer the following support:



- [Parent/carers workshops](#)
- Pre, during and post diagnostic support
- IAG library including specialist books on all aspects of autism that are free to borrow.
- Resource lending library, 'Try before you buy' scheme on items such as weighted blankets, ear defenders, timers – all for a small deposit.
- Support groups, giving families, parents and carers the opportunity to share experiences and meet new people.
- Autism alert card

You can contact our IAG team via email:

[information.advice@autismhampshire.org.uk](mailto:information.advice@autismhampshire.org.uk)

or call: 02380 766162



### Autism Diagnosis



Autism can often be diagnosed in children around the age of two. Professional health workers are often the first ones to spot the signs of autism during their normal childhood health checks. In many cases this can lead to the child being formally diagnosed. If you think your child may be on the autism spectrum, ask your GP to refer them to a consultant or diagnostic team with a good understanding of the condition.

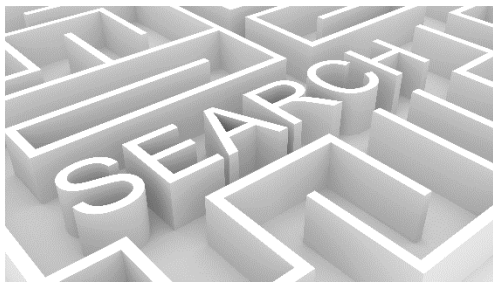
## Hampshire Local Offer

Services and information for children and young people with SEN and/or disabilities

**Your Local Offer** - Information and services available in Hampshire for children and young people (birth to 25) who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).



The Local Offer includes information about education, health, social care, preparation for adulthood, leisure services and impartial information advice and support.



Hampshire's Local Offer (co-produced with parents, carers and young people) aims to help you find your way through the maze of information to reach the best solutions for you / your child.

## Hampshire Special Educational Needs (SEN) Service

### What is the SEN service?

The SEN Service co-ordinates support for children and young people with SEN across the whole of Hampshire.

### Who works in the SEN Service?

The Service is divided into area teams led by Education Officers for SEN. Each team consists of assessment and placement officers, caseworkers and assistants.

