

Services for Parents/Carers Isle of Wight

Our Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) service offers parents/carers in Southampton 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 book on all aspect 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

or call: 02380 766162

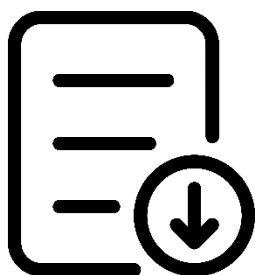


Autism Diagnosis

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.

Portsmouth Local Offer

Local authorities must publish a Local Offer, setting out in one place information about provision they expect to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people in their area who have Special Educational Needs or are disabled, including those who do not have Education, Health and Care plans.



A parent's guide to SEN support in schools

There are a number of resources and leaflets provided by the Portsmouth Local Offer that you can read and download [here](#)