

Support available

- **National Autistic Society** (www.autism.org.uk). The society provides information supported by pioneering services and campaign for a better world for people with autism

- **ADDISS** (<http://www.addiss.co.uk/>) provide people-friendly information and resources about Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to anyone who needs assistance. DPA

- **SENDIASS** (<https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/specialeducationneeds/>) This service is a statutory service that provides information, advice and support to families of children and young people with special educational needs. They can support the family in attending meetings, contributing to assessments and reviews. DPA

- **HALO** (<http://www.halocic.co.uk/about/>) This agency provides opportunities for parents and carers whose children have special educational needs to access training, holistic therapies and counselling to give them the skills, information and support that will assist them in their caring role. DPA

- **Autism Initiatives** (www.autisminitiatives.org). Autism Initiatives is based in Crosby. They provide a range of person centred services throughout the UK. The charity provides services to children and adults and encompasses education, residential houses, supported living and outreach services. DPA
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- **Social Communication Coffee Events**. Regular coffee mornings are being arranged by the Sefton Inclusion Service. This is a network of parents of children with ASD/social communication needs with the opportunity to discuss issues with a professional involved with social communication difficulties. DPA

- **Cerebra** (www.cerebra.org.uk). This charity offers a wide range of support services for children and young people with a diagnosis of autism. This can include support with regard to for e.g. sleep, toileting issues, anxiety issues and even advice and support completing DLA applications etc

- **ADDvanced Solutions** (www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk) ADDvanced Solutions is a community network which supports families who has a child with neurodevelopmental conditions such as ASD, sensory processing difficulties, ADHD etc. Self-referrals are welcome. DPA

- **Parenting 2000 centres** (www.parenting2000.org.uk) offer comfortable, secure and reassuring spaces for all visitors, where you can access a wide range of information and support. They have experienced staff who can offer a unique level of service for each individual. They also have a varied selection of information, contact details and leaflets on both local and national organisations covering a wide range of topics from Health to Education to Family Support and Social Care services.

Litherland Centre, 12 Alexander Mount, Litherland, Liverpool, L21 7PN

Tel: DPA

Crosby Centre, 58 Coronation Road, Crosby, Liverpool, L23 5RQ

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- **Aiming High Team** (www.sefton.gov.uk/aiminghigh) Consider registering with their Disabled Children's database, which will once registered, guarantee that the family receives a regular copy of the Aiming High for Disabled Children's Newsletter, have access to short term breaks, family support (for example with regards to behaviour and sleep) etc.

- If the family is planning to access Liverpool or Manchester Airport, they should contact the airport authorities to enquire about the fast track option available through check-in/security/passport control

- **Local Offer**

(<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>) The Local Offer provides clear and accessible information about the provision Sefton Council expects to be available locally for our children and young people from 0 to 25 who have special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).

Yours sincerely

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