

## THE AUTISM INFORMATION & ADVICE SERVICE

The Autism Information and Advice Service is Derby City and Derbyshire's specialist signposting service, commissioned specifically to support autistic people (16+), parents and carers of autistic adults & children and professionals working with the autistic community. We can direct you to any type of support you may require pre, post or mid diagnosis – no matter what the issue or the type of support needed, we can help!

## What can we do for you?

- We have a helpline, accessible by phone, email or our website, open Monday to Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm, ran by our helpful autism advisors.
- We host a monthly Autism Alliance an online peer support group where you can share your experiences with like-minded individuals.
- We run a monthly parent/carer course and offer autism awareness raising training to professionals.
- We Signpost to local and national services on a range of issues, including: mental health support, get into work schemes and respite services.
- We make referrals to Citizens Advice services including legal, debt and housing information and support.
- We source peer support and social groups.
- We offer Pre, Post and Mid diagnosis support & signposting to specialist autism services.
- We provide information on EHCPs, social care assessments, and benefits; plus, support with form-filling and benefit checks.
- We offer information and advice on reasonable adjustments, support in the workplace/education setting and navigating scenarios.
- We refer and signpost to **advocacy** services.
- We host drop-in events in the community, circulate a monthly newsletter and create useful resources.

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