

# SEND and Inclusion Network Meeting

Secondary and Post-16

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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meeting – thank you!

# On today's agenda...

## Welcome and Introductions

- **PACC training for secondary schools and colleges**

Presenters: Sarah Thomas and Simone Goward

- **Kids**

Presenters: Tia Walton

- **MPFT**

Presenters: Amy Morris

- **CPD updates**

- **Survey**

**Summary and Close**





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# PACC Training for Secondary Schools and Colleges

# Sharing the Learning From PINS

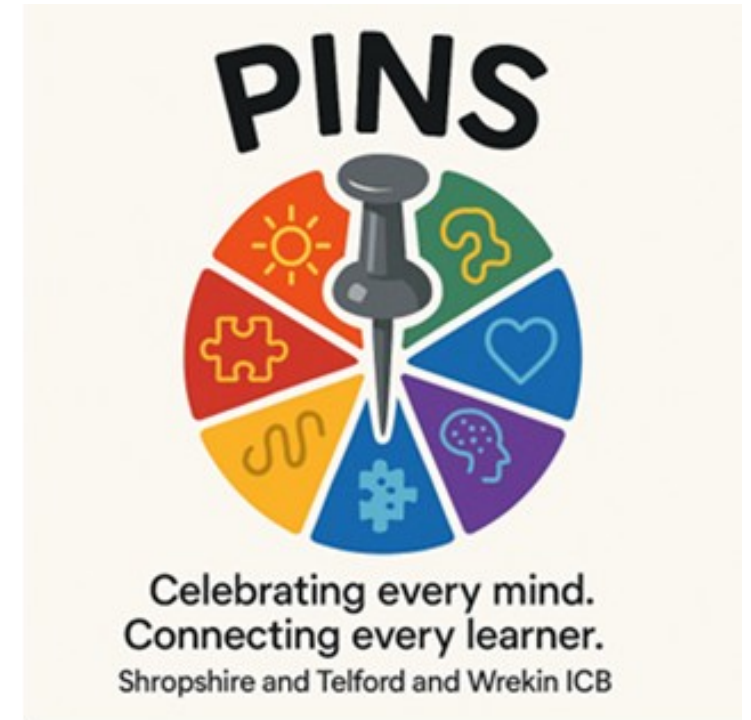
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## Partnership For the Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

- Two-year project across 35 Shropshire Primary Schools
- Two areas of activity;

Bringing specialist expertise into schools to support whole school approaches to inclusion. Mentors worked with individual schools to support self assessment, access to a range of training and delivery of improvement plans.

Support from PACC to understand the Parent Carer experience and to develop positive relationship with the schools Parent Carer community, to facilitate coproduction in school decision making.



# Outcomes

- By working directly with Senco's and Senior Leadership Teams to place the focus on whole school approaches rather than individual children, significant change can be achieved.
- Thinking about how the school environment can be made more Neurodivergent friendly was reported as having a positive impact on behaviour and children's ability to learn.
- The learning from PINS has informed the SEND reforms 'Experts at Hand' approach and the increased investment in occupational therapy, educational psychology and language therapy support, alongside increased training for school staff.
- Developing positive relationships with Parent Carers increases understanding of children's needs and enables more meaningful adjustments and support to be provided.
- The SEND reforms are underpinned by the expectation that all educational settings will work in partnership with Parent Carers and actively co-produce individual, operational and strategic decisions relating to SEND

# Offer to Shropshire Secondary Schools and Colleges

- Half day in person training session covering 'Understanding the Lives of Parent Carer' and 'The Co-production Journey'. Three sessions will be offered across Shropshire in the first week of July.
- Individual support for each setting via Teams to identify co-production project and to engage Parent Carers (April – July).
- In person visit to each setting to meet with Senco and Parent Carers to support co-production activity.
- Stronger links with PACC improving Parent Carers to access to information and support to navigate the system

# Kids

Tia Walton

**Kids**

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# Kids Shropshire Autism Support Service



## Introduction to Kids...

- Are a national charity established in 1970
- Target was to support 50,000 service-users in 2024/2025, which was achieved.
- Have 62 Unique projects across the UK – in person support services and innovative online support hubs and workshops



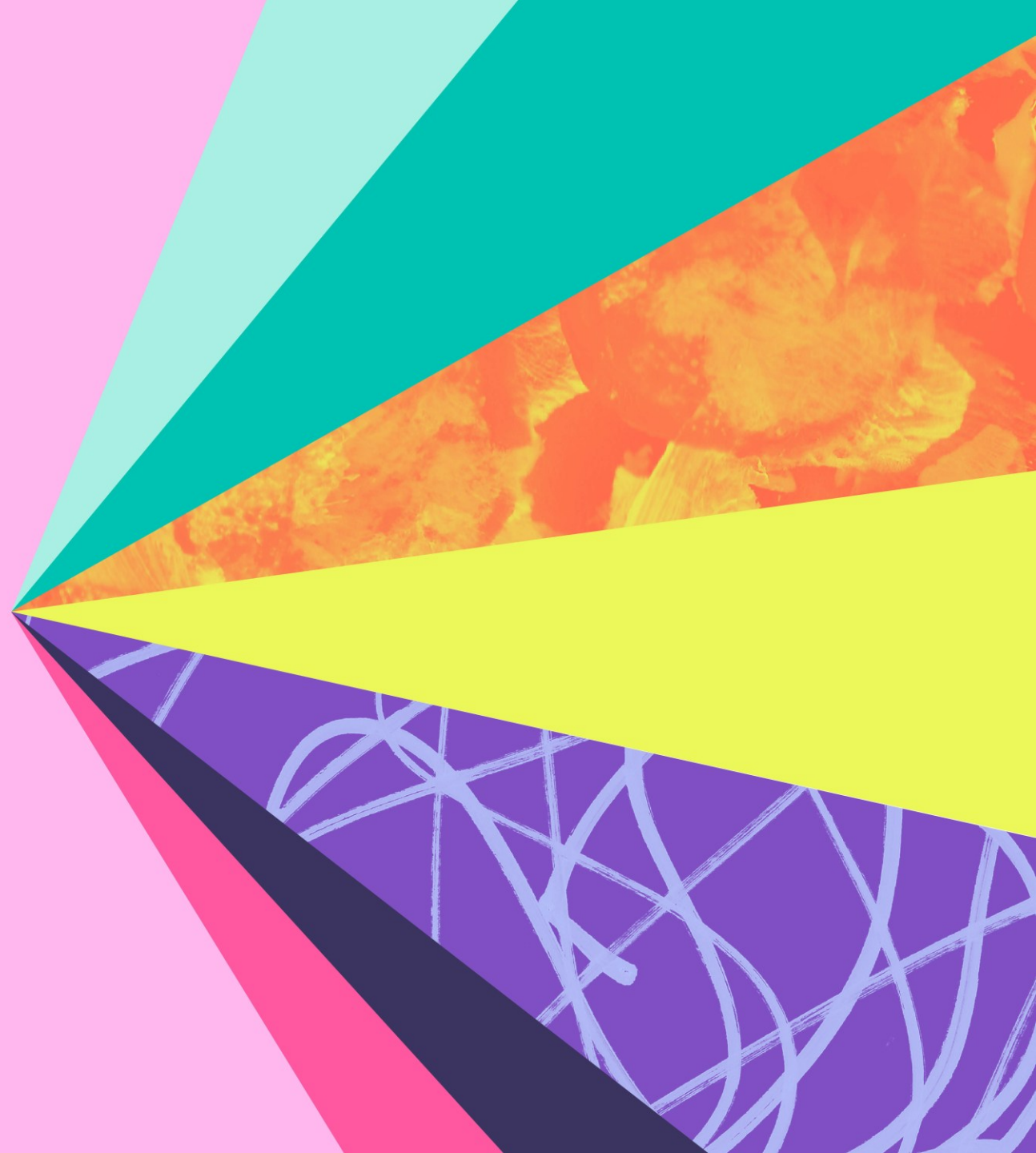
# Introduction to Kids Shropshire

Kids services provide early support that are not diagnosis led. The Kids Shropshire Autism Support Service is available to parent carers and families of children and young people under 19 who are at any stage of the diagnostic journey or have received a diagnosis of autism and ADHD.



## Early support for families

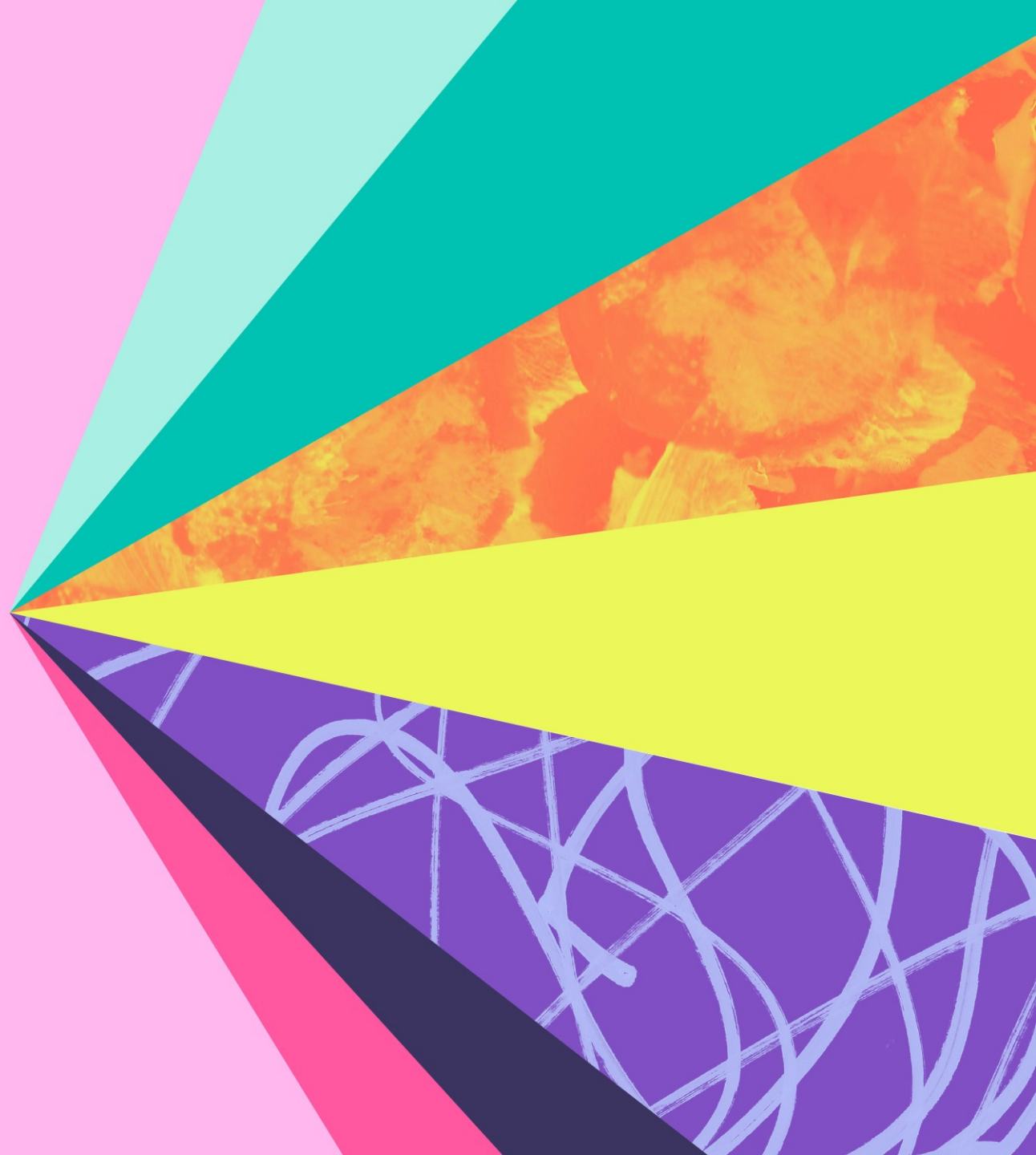
Early support can make a real difference for you and your family at the very beginning of your journey. You do not need to wait for a diagnosis to access support from Kids. Kids encourage families to reach out as early as possible so they can receive timely, appropriate support when it matters most.





## Early support for families

Kids Shropshire offers early support for both parent carers and children and young people. This may include a blend of group sessions and individual support, tailored to the needs identified by a Kids Practitioner.



## **Kids will be offering the following support to families:**

### **Bespoke workshops that cover:**

- Introduction to neurodiversity
- Understanding behaviours
- EBSA
- Sleep
- Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)
- Sensory difficulties



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## The 'Healthy Parent Carer' programme

The **Healthy Parent Carer** programme is designed to strengthen parent carers' resilience and overall wellbeing.

This programme focuses on improving health and wellbeing by helping parent carers build confidence, develop practical problem-solving skills, and set achievable personal goals. Through guided activities and supportive discussions, parents are encouraged to explore what helps them thrive and to develop strategies they can continue using long after the programme ends.



## Riding the Rapids

A programme designed to help parent carers understand their child's behaviour and develop supportive, practical strategies.

The course helps parents explore their child's behaviour in the context of their additional needs and learn approaches that encourage positive behaviour. It also supports parents to build confidence and develop stress-management techniques that can make day-to-day challenges easier to navigate.

The programme is collaborative, giving parents the opportunity to learn together, share experiences, and develop tools they can continue to use long after the course has finished.



## Children and young person offer

### **Lego therapy – 5-16years**

These play-based group sessions give children the opportunity to develop a range of important skills, including resilience, problem-solving, and communication, in a relaxed, pressure-free and enjoyable environment.

### **EBSA support group – Online & Face to Face. - 8-13 years**

Supportive. Understanding. No judgement.

Activity based sessions to learn ways to manage anxiety, understand their feelings, build resilience at their own pace.

Strengthen communication skills

Follows the "understanding me" programme.

### **Youth wellbeing Group – Online – 14-19 years**

A supportive and inclusive space to connect with others who share similar experiences. The group focuses on wellbeing, providing opportunities to build confidence, form friendships, and take part in meaningful, enjoyable activities. It is a welcoming environment where young people can be themselves, explore their interests, and develop positive strategies for wellbeing.

Follows the "understanding me" programme.

A calm, relaxed environment where the YP can just be themselves



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# Coffee and connect sessions

Kids will facilitate regular

- Coffee mornings and drop in sessions
- Attend partnership events

For more details check out our website.

Web: [kids.org.uk/shropshire-universal-autism-support-service](http://kids.org.uk/shropshire-universal-autism-support-service)





## How to refer into the service:

Parent/carers can complete our online referral form,  
via the link below:

[Shropshire Universal Autism Support Service - Kids](#)

How to Contact Us:

Phone: (01743) 644506

Facebook [www.facebook.com/kidsshropshire](http://www.facebook.com/kidsshropshire)

Email: [kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk](mailto:kids.shropshire@kids.org.uk)

Web: [kids.org.uk/shropshire-universal-autism-support-service](http://kids.org.uk/shropshire-universal-autism-support-service)



# MPFT

Amy Morris

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# Mental Health Support

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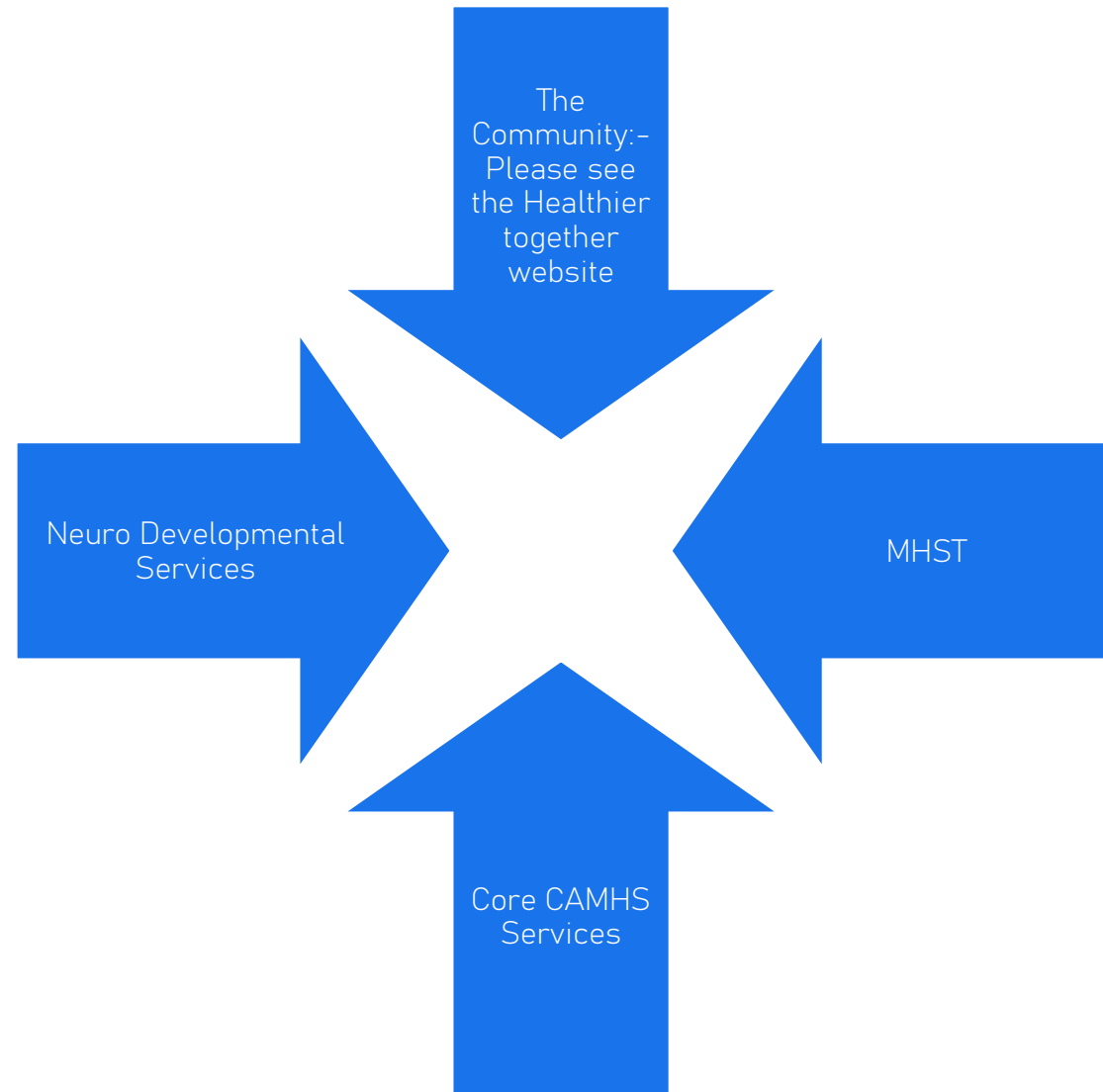
# Needs Led

**Needs Led:-** Support is based on the child or young persons needs, it is not dependant on any diagnostic criteria.

**Support is timely:-** By working in a needs led way you are able to provide the right support at the right time

**Reduces Barriers:-** By focusing on the current need and identify how the need can be supported it reduces barriers to care

Where is  
support  
available ?





Improving the health of babies, children and young people throughout Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin

Choose a topic

Search this website...

Pregnant/New Baby Parents/Carers Professionals Health for Young People

Parents/Carers Neurodiversity

# Neurodiversity



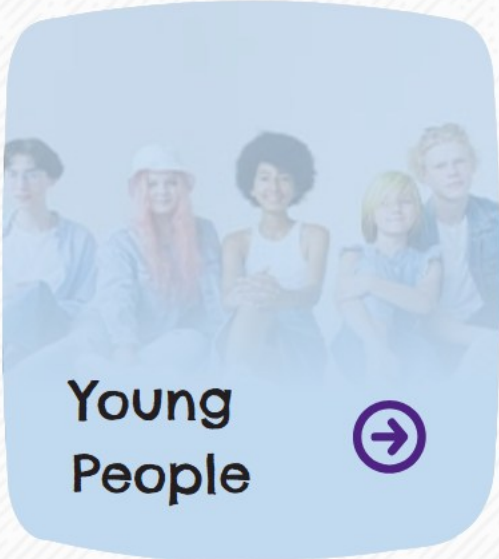
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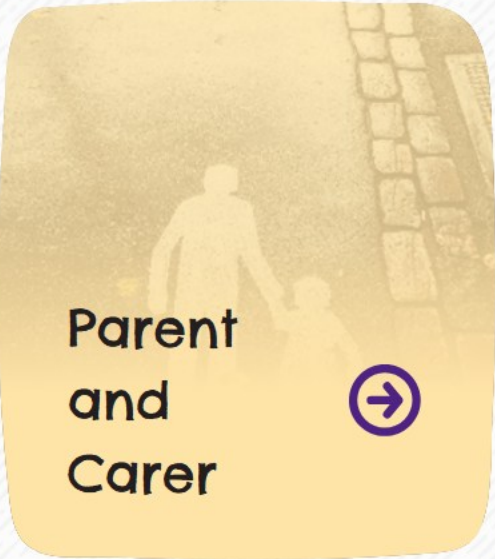


# More information and resources



Young People →

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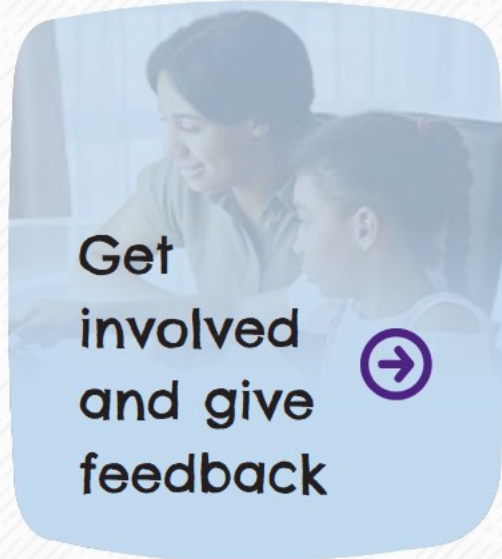
Parent and Carer →

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Professionals →

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Get involved and give feedback →

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# Our teams and services

## Neurodevelopmental (ND) Service

Neurodevelopmental (ND) service provides a single assessment point for Autism and ADHD diagnostic assessments, ensuring consistent, high-quality, child-centred evaluations. Referrals are accepted based on the quality of information provided rather than who submits them or pathway position, and clear feedback is given if a referral is not accepted. Assessments follow NICE guidelines and draw on information from multiple settings to build a comprehensive profile of each child's strengths, needs, and the impact of difficulties on daily life. Multi-disciplinary discussion informs the final outcome, which is shared with families verbally and in writing, and with other professionals where consent is given.

For children diagnosed with ADHD, the service can initiate, titrate, and stabilise medication before transitioning prescribing to GPs under a shared-care agreement, alongside annual ADHD reviews and six-monthly physical health checks.

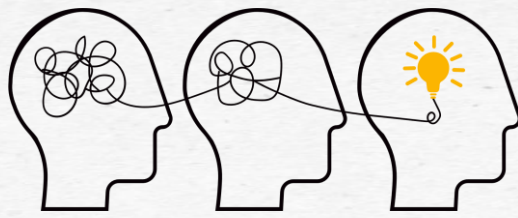
When children and young people have needs related to neurodiversity they may require support from a range of services.

The support offer for neurodivergent children in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin can be found on the [Healthier together website](#).

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# MHST (low intensity work 6-8 sessions of CBT)

- Consultation 20 minutes to talk through a case (does require parental consent)
- What are the YP's needs
- Identify support
- Identify Mental health concerns (will refer to CORE if above low intensity thresholds)
- Interventions can be adapted for SEND cyp.



Info: 9-year-old with additional learning needs, cognitive delay and suspected ADHD/ASD.

When considering their individual needs, I adapted their treatment, by using visual aids and analogies as they provide a simple way to understand new concepts introduced within treatment (Grave & Blisset 2004).

Using an intervention: graded exposure, I utilised the 'monster' analogy which was used a visual primary scale of measurement within her sessions, to hold up and show me if her monster (fear) was disappearing.

Visual aids were also used when explaining their decided exposure tasks to ensure they understood what the step was, with supporting images and simplified language to suit their age and individual needs (Hulme et al., 2014)

Further sessions were granted to allow time to practice and consolidate understanding for different exposure tasks due to their age and cognitive ability.

Supporting parent resources (Cathy Cresswell) as a suggested read to continue their progress after completing treatment. Using these adaptations, the YP was able to access the sessions and make positive progress towards each exposure.



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# Core Mental Health Services Support

Anxiety

Low Mood/  
Depression

DSH

Suicidal  
Thoughts

Hearing  
Voices

Trauma

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# Who Provides the support

Mental Health Practitioners :- 1:1 interventions, care planning, risk assessing

Psychologists:- Formulation of care, Psychological Interventions, supporting staff

Consultants:- Formulation of care, medication management

Therapists- Offering CBT for a range of conditions. EMDR Therapists, Family therapists and Art Therapists

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# Neuro Developmental Services

01

This is a diagnostic Pathway (For Autism and ADHD)

02

The pre and post diagnostic support is provided in the community

03

The clinicians do not carry out Mental Health Interventions:- These are provided in the CORE Team

# How to Access the right support



Being aware that there are separate Pathways for Mental Health support and Diagnostic Assessments



You should not wait for the outcome of a diagnostic assessment if Mental Health Concerns are present



By being aware of the community support available and giving appropriate sign posting advise



Informing Team of need- Timely access, right support at the right time, reduces delays linked to the diagnostic services waiting list



# CPD



8th June 2026 09:30-15:00	<b>Shropshire SENCo Induction Training - Part 2 (part 1 is on 20th April 2026)</b>	The Guildhall, Shrewsbury	N/A	This event can only be attended as part of the Shropshire SENCo Induction Training (20th April 2026)
11th June 2026 15:45-17:30	<b>Understanding ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)</b>  <a href="#">Click here for flyer</a>  Part 2 of this training is on 18th June 2026	Moreton Say CE Primary School, Moreton Say, Market Drayton	£40 for Shropshire schools (subsidised by SEND and AP Change Programme)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982438923185?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982438923185?aff=oddtcreator</a>
18th June 2026 09:30-11:00	<b>Shropshire Annual Review Training</b>  This training is mandatory. There are three alternative dates available: 16th January 2026, 5th March 2026 and 22nd April 2026	Online Teams meeting	Free	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1964844059474?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1964844059474?aff=oddtcreator</a>
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26th June 2026 09:30-11:30	<b>Inclusive Strategies for Toileting Anxiety in Primary Education</b>  <a href="#">Click here for flyer</a>	The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury	£40 for Shropshire schools (subsidised by SEND and AP Change Programme)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984382876602?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984382876602?aff=oddtcreator</a>
3rd July 2026 13:00-15:00	<b>Neuroinclusive Practice Network Meeting</b>  For schools and settings that have taken part in GAP training in 2025 or 2026	The Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury	Free (for schools that have taken part in GAP training in 2025 or 2026)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984614627776?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984614627776?aff=oddtcreator</a>
7th July 2026 15:45-17:30	<b>Understanding ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)</b>  Part 2 of this training is on 14th July 2026	Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy & Nursery, Oswestry	£40 for Shropshire schools (subsidised by SEND and AP Change Programme)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982490673973?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1982490673973?aff=oddtcreator</a>
14th July 2026 15:45-17:30	<b>Understanding ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)</b>  This is part 2 of the training - part 1 is on 7th July 2026	Holy Trinity C of E Primary Academy & Nursery, Oswestry	£40 for Shropshire schools (subsidised by SEND and AP Change Programme)	See 7th July entry for booking link.

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# We love **SENCOS**



An event focused on **smarter SEN Provision** for Schools and Trusts

 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026

 Sheikh Zayed Theatre, LSE, London

**Scanning Pens is proud to partner  
with Talamo on this event.**

This is a national event created by  
SENCOs, for SENCOS.

### **Exclusive £20 Ticket Offer:**

Through our partnership, we have  
secured a strictly limited allocation of 100  
tickets for schools within your local  
authority, available at a £20 delegate fee.

Exclusive Partner Tickets (£20):

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# Whole School SEND training for Secondary Schools

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30-3.30pm, The Lantern, Shrewsbury
- Aim: working with Shropshire secondary schools to start developing inclusions bases.

# Annual survey

# Survey

- The survey aims to gather your reflections on the EQA (Education Quality Advisers) activities within your setting this year. Your responses will help us understand the impact and usefulness of EQA work and inform future support.

[EQA Feedback Survey – Fill in form](#)

