

# SEND NEWS SPLASH

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## Practitioners and professionals - we need your help!


We want to be able to provide you with the right information, advice and training so that you/your service can meet the needs of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities well within your job role/service area. We need your feedback in order to be able to do this. Please complete the [SEND workforce development survey 2023](#), by clicking [HERE](#), it is open until Friday 28 July 2023.


The survey should take approximately 15 -20 minutes of your time to complete and is for anyone working with children/young people who may require additional support or SEND support, as well as children/young people with Educational Health Care Plans.

## The Swindon Local Offer

[Click here!](#)

 Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5pm and 8am-4:30pm on Friday.

 Alternatively, you can email [SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:SENDSERVICE@swindon.gov.uk).

 For more information, please [visit the Meet the SEND Service page](#) on the Local Offer.

## Samaritans Big Listen 24/7

Every 24th July, the Samaritans hold an awareness day, The Big Listen, which promotes their availability 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

On this day different branches across the UK and Northern Ireland hold various local events to raise awareness of the services they provide.

Below are a few links to support which is available, both locally and nationally:

<https://www.samaritans.org/branches/swindon/>

[Swindon Local Offer - Mental Health Needs Menu](https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/content/send-local-offer/landing-pages/health-landing-pages-and-content-pages/health-needs/mental-health-needs-menu/)

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## SWINDON SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2023



The Swindon SEND Activities 2023 News Splash was issued earlier in July with activities available for children, young people and families in Swindon.

In this year's edition you will find information on a range of activities available over the coming weeks. Click here to download your copy of the Swindon SEND Summer Activities 2023 News Splash:

<https://swindon.mylifeportal.co.uk/media/37802/swindon-send-summer-activities-programme-2023.pdf>

Highlighted activity taking place in Swindon this week:

**On the 26th July to the 28th July**, Swindon Town FC Community Foundation will be running a Multi Sports Inclusion Course for children aged between 5-18 years. The three days will consist of fun filled football and multi sports sessions which will take place at The Deanery in Swindon. This course is supported by Aiming High. To book on to the course please visit:

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/swindontown/summer-week-one-stfc-community-foundation-multi-sports-inclusion-three-day-course.html>

[Please subscribe to the Local Offer YouTube channel here](#)



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