

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.



 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.

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



Communication Access UK
Inclusive communication for all

Members of the Swindon SEND Families Voice team have been busy completing the free training modules for Communication Access UK (CA UK). This symbol (above) is an initiative developed in partnership by charities and organisations that share a vision to improve the lives of people with communication difficulties and is led by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.

We are pleased to say Swindon SEND Families Voice have become accredited with CA UK, and hope the training will have an impact on parent carers who attend our sessions that have communication difficulties.

You can encourage your business or setting to sign up to the training, or complete the training as an individual, via this website: [Communication Access UK](#)



International Disability Awareness Day

International Disability Awareness Day is on 17th July 2023. The day is a reminder that we should all recognise the diverse abilities and strengths of people with disabilities and work towards creating a world where everyone feels valued and included.

On the Local Offer website and [Local Offer YouTube Channel](#), we have created a range of videos. These videos highlight how Swindon Borough Council, and partner organisations, work closely with our children and young people, and their families, putting them at the centre of everything we do.

You can view these videos by visiting [Swindon Local Offer - Good Practice Participation Films](#).

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



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