



Sheffield Local Offer Information Booklet

This booklet gives information about the Sheffield Local Offer for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), aged 0-25. More information is available on the website. You can get onto the website for free in your local Family Hub or Library.

Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer>

Contact Email: localoffer@sheffield.gov.uk

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About the Sheffield Local Offer

The **Sheffield Local Offer** is part of the **Sheffield Directory**. It provides information and services for:

- Children and young people aged 0–25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Parents and carers
- Professionals and organisations supporting families

You can access the Local Offer on computers, smartphones and tablets. It includes:

- Services and advice provided by **Sheffield City Council**
- Services and advice from the **NHS and health services**
- Services offered by the **voluntary and private sectors**

What Does It Help With?

The Local Offer provides advice to help young people make informed choices about:

- Where to live
- Transport
- Social activities
- Work and training
- Preparation for adulthood



Who Is It For?

- Parents and carers of children and young people with SEND
- Young people themselves
- Individuals, groups, and organisations working to support families

It also highlights other resources, services, and guidance.



Supports SEND Logo

Look for the Supports SEND logo when searching in the Sheffield Directory. This means the service is approved by Sheffield City Council or the NHS for children and young people with SEND.



What's Included in the Local Offer?

The Local Offer is grouped into helpful sections to make it easier to find what you need.

About the Local Offer and other information	Provides information about what the SEND Local Offer is. It has links to Council run services, other Local Authorities and useful links.
Tell us what you think	Your feedback is important. It helps improve the Local Offer and shape future services. You can share your views and see how your feedback has been used.
ADHD, Autism, Sensory Processing and Neurodiversity	Information and support for children and young people with ADHD, Autism, Sensory Processing differences, and other neurodiverse conditions.
Childcare	Details about childcare options, including inclusive settings that support children with SEND.
Education and learning	Support in early years, schools, and colleges. Includes information on Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans and specialist support.
Preparation for Adulthood	Support for young people aged 14+ to prepare for adult life, including education, employment, independent living, and community participation.
Health and wellbeing	Access to health services, mental health support, therapies, and specialist health services for children and young people with SEND.
Money matters	Information on benefits, financial support, personal budgets, and direct payments.
Things to do	Inclusive activities, events, sports, arts, and clubs for children and young people with SEND.
Help with caring	Support for parent carers and young carers, including respite care and local support groups.
Getting around	Travel assistance, independent travel training, and accessible transport options.
Staying safe	Information on safeguarding, online safety, and personal safety for children and young people with SEND.
Directory	An area to search for organisations, services and groups that support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.



This is the Local Offer website address:

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/>



Accessing the Sheffield Local Offer Without the Internet

We understand that not everyone has regular internet access. If you're a parent, carer, or young person there are other ways to get information from Sheffield's Local Offer.

Call for Support

You can contact Sheffield City Council. They can give you information over the phone or send printed information by post.

- Sheffield City Council General Enquiries:
Phone: 0114 273 4567
E-mail: localoffer@sheffield.gov.uk

Visit Your Local Library or Family Hub

Most Sheffield libraries and Family Hubs offer free internet access and staff who can help you search on the SEND Local Offer website or print out information for you.

- Find your nearest library: Call 0114 273 4567 or ask at your local community centre.
- Family Hubs also offer support and may have printed resources available.

Ask a Professional

If you're working with a school SENCO, health visitor, social worker, or support worker, they can help you find the information you need. They may be able to print out sections of the Local Offer or explain services available.

Ask for Printed Copies

If you need printed information about services, support, or guidance from the SEND Local Offer, you can ask for this by phone or **E-mail** (see contact details above). Let them know what information you're interested in (e.g., education, transport, short breaks), and they'll send you the printed information.

You can contact any of the above to ask them to print any of the information and websites mentioned in this booklet.



What is SEND?

SEND stands for **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**. A child or young person may have SEND if learning is harder for them than for most children their age.

This can include difficulties with:

- Reading, writing, or number work
- Expressing themselves or understanding others
- Making friends or relating to adults
- Managing emotions or behaviour
- Seeing, hearing, or moving around
- Medical conditions that affect learning
- Mental health difficulties (e.g. anxiety or depression)



Not all children with SEND have a formal diagnosis. Support is based on **need**, not diagnosis.

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/education-and-learning/support-within-school-if-your-child-may-have-special-educational-needs/what-is-send/>



Education and Learning

This section explains the support for children and young people with SEND in early years, school, and college. It includes information about SEN Support, EHC plans, and specialist help.

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/education-and-learning/>

Identifying SEND in Early Years

Some disabilities are identified at birth or even during pregnancy. If a child has a significant and complex need, the **Portage Team** may become involved early to provide support and advice at home.

Other needs may not be apparent until later. Parents are often the first to notice developmental delays—such as not crawling, talking, or walking at expected ages. If concerned, parents should speak to their **health visitor**, **GP**, or **childcare provider**.

Routine Assessments

- New Baby Review (10–14 days)
- 6–8 week assessment
- 1-year assessment (9–12 months)
- 2 to 2½ year review
- EYFS progress check (2–3 years)
- Two-Year Integrated Review



You don't need to wait for an assessment to raise concerns.

Getting Help and Support

Support is available through the **Early Years Partnership**, which includes:

- Early Years Prevention Workers
- Groups and activities
- Referrals to the 0–5 SEND Team
- Advice and guidance



Referrals can be made by parents or professionals (e.g. health visitors, midwives, nurseries, GPs).

School Readiness Transition Pathway

Children needing extra help for school readiness may be supported through this pathway.

A **keyworker** coordinates services and ensures timely access to support. This includes:

- Nursery and Foundation Stage 2 engagement
- Attendance support
- Extended Support Plans/My Plans

Specialist keyworkers from services like Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, or Autism and Social Communication teams may also be involved.



Contact 0-5 SEND Service

Phone: 0114 273 6411

E-mail: 0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/education-and-learning/early-years-send/identifying-send-in-the-early-years/>



School-Age SEN Support

Always speak to your child's teacher or SENCO first. They will be able to give you lots of advice and information about this section.

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/education-and-learning/support-within-school-if-your-child-may-have-special-educational-needs/identification-of-special-educational-needs-in-school/>

The Graduated Approach

Schools use a **Graduated Approach** to support a child. This helps to work out any SEND needs and give the right help. This involves four stages:

1. **Assess** – what are the child's needs
2. **Plan** – what support will help? What are the goals?
3. **Do** – put the support in place
4. **Review** – did it work? What next?



This is repeated to make the support better and help a child make progress.

Identification of SEND in Schools

Schools use lots of tools and observations to identify SEND. This includes:

- Teacher assessments
- Talking to parents and getting their views
- Specialist advice (for example, Educational Psychologists)
- Looking at progress and behaviour

If a child still needs more help, the school may ask for advice from specialists or request an EHC needs assessment.

Locality Support

Sheffield has **seven school localities**. Each locality provides advice and support to schools and SENCOs for children with complex needs.

Locality support includes:

- **Stage 1 Meetings:** Look at and review Extended Support Plans
- **Stage 2 Meetings:** Look at EHC needs assessment requests

These meetings involve SENCOs, Educational Psychologists, Autism Teachers and SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS).

Contact details for the Educational Psychology Service, Autism Social Communication Education and Training Service (ASCETS) and SENDSARS are under the "Services that Support SEND that are commissioned by Sheffield City Council or Sheffield NHS" section. This is at the end of this booklet.



Sheffield Support Grid (SSG)

The **SSG** is a tool used by schools to identify and provide appropriate support for children with SEND. It ensures consistency across settings.

It covers four areas of need:

- **Communication and Interaction**
- **Cognition and Learning**
- **Social, Emotional and Mental Health**
- **Sensory or Physical Needs**



There are five levels of support:

- **Levels 1–2:** Support schools can provide independently (Ordinarily Available Toolkit)
- **Levels 3–5:** Support requiring external services or funding

Parents are encouraged to:

- Discuss their child's needs with the school
- Ask what level their child is on and why
- Be involved in planning and reviewing support

If parents disagree with the level or support, they can:

- Speak to the SENCO or leadership team
- Contact **Sheffield SENDIAS**
- Use the school's complaints process



A parent guide has been put together. Ask someone in a Family hub, Library or school to make a booklet and print it out for you.

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/SSGParentQuickGuide/>

Choosing a School for Your Child with SEND

When choosing a school for a child with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), consider the following steps:

- **Do your research:** Visit the school's website to learn about its ethos, SEN policy, and Ofsted report.
- **Visit the school:** Arrange a visit to see how the school supports children with SEND.
- **Talk to other parents:** Their experiences can help you understand what to expect.
- **Check transition support:** If your child is moving between schools, look at the Sheffield Transition Core Principles.

For more help, visit the Sheffield City Council's school admissions page. Contact Sheffield City Council General Enquiries on 0114 273 4567 to ask for the information to be sent to you.

Council Website: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/how-apply-school-sheffield>

School localities map:

<https://sheffieldcc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=4d11b17dfaf74635b3a776c7503a8ded>

Local Offer Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/education-and-learning/information-on-school-placements/choosing-a-school-for-your-child-with-special-educational-needs-and-or-disabilities/>



Different Types of School Placement

There are three main types of school placements in Sheffield. You can find these on the Sheffield Directory. Ask someone in a Family hub, Library or school to help you search for them.

Directory Search: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/directory/>

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/Different-types-of-school-placement/>

1. Mainstream Schools

Most children with SEND, including those with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan, attend mainstream schools. These schools provide support through SENCOs and tailored interventions.

2. Integrated Resources (IRs)

These are specialist units within mainstream schools for children with more complex needs. Placement requires an EHC Plan. IRs support a range of needs including:

- Communication and Interaction
- Autism
- Deafness
- Physical Difficulties
- Learning Difficulties
- Speech and Language Needs



3. Special Schools

These schools cater specifically for children with significant and complex SEND. Admission is through the EHC Plan process and is based on individual needs.

Parents should always talk to the school to find out what they offer and if it's right for their child.

School Admissions for Children with SEND

Without an EHC Plan: Apply through the standard admissions process. Contact Sheffield City Council General Enquiries on 0114 273 4567 to ask for the information to be sent to you.

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/how-apply-school-sheffield>

With an EHC Plan: Apply through the SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS) arranges placements at mainstream schools, IRs, or special schools.

You have the right to request a specific school in your child's EHC Plan. The local authority must consult with your preferred school and name it unless it's unsuitable or would impact others' education.



Key deadlines for naming a school in EHC plans for transition:

- **15 February:** For nursery to primary, infant to junior, or primary to secondary transitions.
- **31 March:** For secondary to post-16 transitions.

If you disagree with the named school, you can appeal to the SEND Tribunal. Contact SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS) on 0114 273 6394 or Sheffield SENDIAS (SSENDIAS) on 0114 273 6009 for support.



SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS)

SENDSARS is a Council service. It helps with:

- Requests for Education, Health and Care (EHC) assessments
- Writing and updating EHC plans
- Finding a school place for those with EHC plans
- Annual reviews and meetings for EHC plans
- Mediation and tribunal cases



Phone: 0114 273 6394

E-mail: SENDAssess&Review@sheffield.gov.uk

Local Offer webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/SENDSARS/>

Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans

An EHC plan is a legal document. It explains a child or young person's needs in education, health, and social care. It also says what support they need and what goals they are working towards.

Most children with SEND do not need an EHC plan. They can be helped through **SEN Support** in school. EHC plans are for children who need more help than schools can usually give.

Who Can Ask for an EHC Needs Assessment?

You can ask for an EHC needs assessment if:

- You think your child has SEND.
- You believe they need more help than the school can give.

You can ask for an assessment if you are:

- A parent or carer
- A young person aged 16–25
- A school or college



How to Ask for an EHC Needs Assessment



If You Are a Parent or Young Person

You can send a letter or e-mail to:

SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS)
1 Union Street, Floor 5, Howden House
Sheffield
S1 2SH
E-mail: SENDAssess&Review@sheffield.gov.uk



If the School Is Making the Request

Schools use the **Graduated Approach** system. This means they:

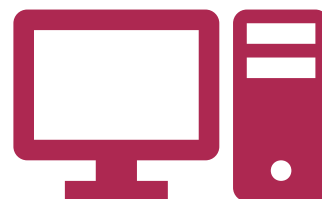
- Assess your child's needs
- Plan support
- Do the work
- Review progress



They use a document called an **Extended Support Plan**. The school should try this for at least two school terms before asking for an EHC assessment.

The school sends the request to SENDSARS with:

- Evidence from the Extended Support Plan/My Plan
- Information from professionals like:
 - Educational Psychologists
 - Autism and Social Communication Team
 - Fusion SEND Hub
 - Health and social care services



Carrying out an assessment

The local authority will decide within **6 weeks** if they will do the assessment. If they say no, you can appeal. More information is in the section for Resolving Disagreements and Feedback.

If they say yes:

- They will ask for information from you, the school, and health and care professionals.
- This does not mean your child will definitely get an EHC plan.

Education, Health & Care Plan

Getting the EHC Plan

If the local authority agrees to the EHC plan:

- They will have made the decision by week 16.
- You will get a **draft plan** to read and comment on.
- You can say which school or setting you want.
- You can ask for a **Personal Budget**.

You have **15 days** to give your feedback. You can ask for more time or a meeting with an Inclusion Officer. The final EHC plan must be ready within **20 weeks** of the first request.



If You Disagree With a Decision

You can:

- Speak to SENDSARS (their details are on the previous page)
- Speak to Sheffield SENDIAS (their details are further down the booklet)
- Ask for mediation
- Appeal to the SEND Tribunal





Annual Reviews

EHC plans must be reviewed:

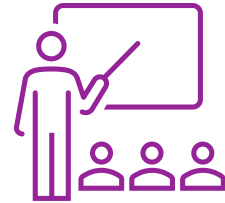
- **Once a year**, or
- **Every 6 months** if your child is under 5

The school or setting will arrange a meeting. You and your child can share your views. Reports must be sent out **2 weeks before** the meeting.

Transition Reviews

These help prepare for changes in school:

- Nursery to Reception: review in autumn term
- Year 2 to Year 3: review by end of Year 1 summer term
- Year 6 to Year 7: review by end of Year 5 summer term
- Year 11 to Post-16: review by end of Year 10 summer term



After the Review

The school sends a report within **2 weeks**. The local authority will decide within **4 weeks** if:

- The plan stays the same
- The plan needs changes
- The plan should end

If changes are needed, you'll get a new draft to comment on. You will have 15 days to do this.



Sheffield SENDIAS (SSENDIAS)

The **Sheffield Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SSENDIAS)** is a **statutory service** that provides **free, impartial, and confidential support** to:

- **Children and young people aged 0–25** with SEND
- **Parents and carers** of children and young people with SEND



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What SSENDIAS Offers

SSENDIAS helps families understand and navigate the SEND system across **education, health, and social care**. Their support includes:

- Understanding your rights under the **SEND Code of Practice**
- Advice on **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plans**
- Help with **school placements, transitions, and appeals**
- Support during **meetings with schools or the local authority**
- Guidance on **mediation and tribunal processes**
- Help with **phased transfers and admissions**



They work closely with families to ensure their voices are heard and their children's needs are met.



Phone: 0114 273 6009

E-mail: ssendias@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.sheffieldsendias.org.uk/>



Health and Wellbeing

Sheffield has many health services for children and young people with SEND. These services can help children and young people's development and mental health.

Health Services Information



Using Hospital Services

Information is available to help families navigate hospital services in Sheffield for children with SEND. It includes tips on:

- **What to expect** when visiting hospital.
- **How to prepare** your child for appointments.
- **Communicating** your child's needs
- **Support available** during hospital visits.
- **Reasonable adjustments** hospitals can make to help children with SEND feel safe and comfortable. A hospital passport can be put together that tells health staff about the child or young person's needs and how they like to be communicated to.
- **Who to contact** if you need help or have questions.

Ask someone in a Family hub, Library or school to make a booklet and print it out for you.

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/health-and-wellbeing/a-guide-to-using-hospital-services-in-sheffield-for-children-with-send/>

Annual Health Checks



Young people aged 14+ with a learning disability are entitled to a **free annual health check** with their GP. These checks help identify health issues early and ensure ongoing support. Contact your GP to arrange.

There are more Health services under the "Services that Support SEND that are commissioned by Sheffield City Council or Sheffield NHS" section.

NHS Sheffield Place SEND Team

This team works across education, health, and care to improve outcomes for children and young people with SEND. They support families, professionals, and services to ensure coordinated care and access to appropriate support.



Phone: 0333 041 0021

E-mail: syicb-sheffield.dco@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk>

Children's Continuing Care

This service supports children and young people with complex health needs that require additional care beyond what is provided by universal services. Eligibility is assessed through a national framework.

Phone: 0114 3051700

E-mail: syicb-sheffield.childrenscc@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/health-and-wellbeing/childrens-continuing-care/>



Neurodisability Service

Provides medical assessments and ongoing care for children with developmental concerns, neurodivergence, and complex health needs. Referrals are typically made by GPs or other health professionals.

Phone: 0114 2717656



Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/child-development-and-neurodisability/>

Community Paediatrics Service

Provides outpatient paediatric services for children aged 0–16, including developmental and behavioural assessments.

Phone: 0114 305 3239



Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/child-development-and-neurodisability/community-paediatrics>

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)

CAMHS supports children and young people with emotional and mental health difficulties, including anxiety, depression, trauma, and behavioural challenges. Services include therapy, psychiatric assessments, and family support.

Services are provided within a number of locations including:

- Centenary House
- The Becton Centre (including Beighton Community CAMHS, Ruby Lodge, Sapphire Lodge and Emerald Lodge)
- Amber Lodge

Contact:

- Becton Centre
Phone: 0114 305 3106
- Centenary House.
Phone: 0114 305 3218
- Beighton Community CAMHS
Phone: 0114 305 3106
E-mail: scn-tr.camhsspa@nhs.net
- Centenary Community CAMHS
Phone: 0114 305 3218
E-mail: scn-tr.camhsspa@nhs.net



Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/camhs/>



Paediatric Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Out-Patient Services

Physiotherapy helps children with movement difficulties, injuries, and physical disabilities.



The musculoskeletal outpatient service supports children with joint, muscle, and bone conditions.

Children's occupational therapy helps children do everyday things that are important in their lives. These things include:

- Looking after themselves (like getting dressed or brushing teeth)
- Playing and having fun
- Being part of their family
- Making friends
- Doing well at school

The therapist works with the child and their family to help with anything that makes these things hard. They use special tools and ideas to help with how the child moves, thinks, feels, and gets along with others.



Phone: 0114 271 7227

Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/physiotherapy-and-occupational-therapy/>

Motor Skills Team

Supports children with coordination difficulties, including Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD). They offer assessments and therapy plans to improve motor skills.



Phone: 0114 271 7610

Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/motor-skills/>

Speech and Language Therapy

Supports children with:

- Speech and language delays
- Communication difficulties
- Eating, drinking, and swallowing issues



Contact your child's SENCO or GP for referrals.



Phone: 0114 226 2333

E-mail: scn-tr.slt-sheffield@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/speech-language-and-communication>



Sensory Services – Sheffield Children’s NHS



This service helps children who find it hard to deal with things like noise, touch, movement, or bright lights. These problems can make everyday things—like getting dressed, going to school, or playing—more difficult.

A team of friendly experts work with families and schools to help children feel more comfortable. They give advice, run workshops, and share ideas that can make life easier.

Phone: 0114 271 7645



E-mail: making.sense@nhs.net

Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/child-development-and-neurodisability/sensory-processing-difficulties/>

Audiology/ Hearing Service – Sheffield Children’s NHS

This service helps children who have trouble hearing or keeping their balance. The team checks how well children can hear and gives them hearing aids if they need them. They also help with things like buzzing in the ears or being bothered by loud sounds.

If your child has a hearing aid, the team can help with batteries, ear moulds, and fixing broken parts. They also work with schools and other services to make sure your child gets the right support.

Phone: 0114 271 7450



Text: 07423 330658

E-mail: scn-tr.audiology@nhs.net

Website: <http://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/hearing>



Eye Department/Vision Impairment Service – Sheffield Children’s NHS

This service helps children with eye problems like blurry vision, lazy eye, squinting, or needing glasses. The team checks how well your child’s eyes work and helps with treatment if needed.

At your child’s appointment, their eyes will be tested by a specialist. Eye drops might be used to help the team see inside the eyes better—these drops are safe and don’t hurt. If your child needs glasses, you’ll get a prescription to take to a local optician.

The Vision Impairment Service that supports children with poor eyesight and helps families meet others in similar situations.



Phone: Main switchboard. 0114 271 7000

Website: <http://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/eye-department>



Early Years Therapy Team

Provides therapy for children under 5 with developmental delays, physical disabilities, or sensory needs. Services include physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech and language support.



Phone: 0114 271 7610 / 0114 271 7622

Website: <https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/early-years-physiotherapy-and-occupational-therapy/>



Social Care

Sheffield City Council has different services to help children and young people with SEND and their families. These services aim to make life better, help children be more independent, and give carers a break.

Short Breaks



Short Breaks are activities for children and young people with SEND. They give parents or carers a break from caring. These breaks are good for both the child and the family. They help:

- Children to have fun and make friends
- Give parents and carers a rest so they can do other things like a hobby or shopping

Short Breaks can take place during the day, evening, overnight, or weekends.

Types of Short Breaks

- **Universal Activities:** Open to all children. For example, sports clubs or play schemes
- **Specialised Clubs:** Group activities for disabled children and young people
- **Befriending Services:** One-to-one support for those unable to join group activities
- **Overnight Short Breaks:**
 - **Foster Care:** Overnight stays in a family home
 - **Residential Homes:** Four homes in Sheffield offer overnight care: Gibson House, Mulberry Lodge, Rushey Meadow, and Chancet Wood
- **Direct Payments:** Monthly payments that let families arrange their own support
- **Short Break Grant:** A one-off annual payment for families who qualify to fund their own activities

Who can apply

Short Breaks are for children and young people who:

- Are aged 0–18
- Live in Sheffield
- Have a disability that makes family life much harder



The **Equality Act 2010** says a disability is a “physical or mental impairment with a substantial and long-term adverse effect on daily activities”.

How to Apply

To access overnight short breaks, families must request a **Social Care Section 17 Single Assessment** via the **Sheffield Safeguarding Hub**:



Phone: 0114 273 4855

E-mail: SNIPSBusinessSupport@sheffield.gov.uk

Children with Disabilities Team: 0114 273 5368 (ask for SNIPS)

Following assessment, a **Child in Need Meeting** is held to determine the appropriate support. If overnight care is approved, the case is referred to the Residential Team or Learning Disabilities and Difficulties Panel.



Sheffield Family Hubs and Start for Life

Family Hubs are welcoming spaces offering activities for children aged 0–5 and support for parents/carers of children aged 0–19 (or up to 25 for those with SEND). Services include:

- Parenting support
- Infant feeding advice
- Health visiting
- Mental health support
- Peer support
- Play and learning activities



There are **7 Family Hubs** across Sheffield, covering North, East, and West areas. They work with community venues and outreach sites to ensure city-wide coverage.



Phone: 0114 273 5665

E-mail: SheffieldFamilyHubs@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/family-hubs>

Sheffield Parent Hub

The **Sheffield Parent Hub** runs free groups and classes for parents and carers. Topics include:

- Child development
- Sleep
- Managing behaviour
- Communication as a family
- Support for children with SEND



Find sessions online and in local venues across Sheffield.



Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/sheffield-parent-hub/>

Family Intervention Service (FIS)

This Early Help service supports families with a wide range of needs, including those with children with SEND. Support includes:

- Positive parenting strategies
- Mental and physical health support
- Education and school engagement
- Financial stability and housing advice
- Substance misuse recovery
- Protection from abuse and exploitation



Families may receive:

- One-off advice sessions
- Group work access
- Long-term support from an Intervention Worker
- Multi-agency action plans and Team Around the Family meetings



Phone: 0114 203 7485

E-mail: EarlyHelpAssessment@sheffield.gov.uk

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/FIS/>



Children with Disabilities Team

This Council service supports disabled children and young people aged 0–18. A social worker would take you through an assessment to understand what help your family needs.



Referral: Contact the Sheffield Safeguarding Hub on 0114 273 4855

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/CWD/>

Specialist Equipment

If a child or young person needs special equipment, help is available through:

- NHS therapy teams (Paediatric Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy Services)
- Charities and grants
- Education services (for example. radio aids for hearing)



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/help-with-caring/specialist-equipment-for-children-and-young-people-with-send/>

Safeguarding

Everyone has a responsibility to keep children safe. If you are concerned about a child or young person with SEND:



Sheffield Safeguarding Hub: 0114 273 4855

First Contact Team (18+): 0114 273 4908

Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/staying-safe/safeguarding-for-children-and-young-people-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/>



Personal Budgets

Personal budgets are designed to give families **more choice and control** over how support is provided for children and young people with SEND. Instead of receiving services directly, families may receive an **allocated amount of money** to arrange their own support.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/money-matters/personal-budgets/personal-budgets-overview/>

This money is identified by:

- **Sheffield City Council** (for education and social care)
- **Integrated Care Board (ICB)** (for health-related support)

There are **three main types of Personal Budgets**:

1. **Personal Budget for Special Educational Provision**
Linked to an **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan**, this budget supports educational needs. It can be requested during the EHC assessment or at annual review.
2. **Personal Health Budget**
Provided by the NHS for children eligible for **continuing healthcare** or **mental health after-care**. It can be used for treatments, equipment, or personal care.
Contact: NHS Sheffield Continuing Healthcare Team
E-mail: SheffieldCHC@nhs.net
Phone: 0114 305 1700
3. **Personal Budget for Social Care (Direct Payment)**
Families can receive monthly payments to arrange their own care, including employing a **Personal Assistant (PA)** or accessing leisure activities.

How It Works



- You can receive **some or all** of the budget instead of services.
- You must agree to use the budget to meet the outcomes in your child's support plan.
- You can manage the budget yourself or nominate someone to do it.

Short Breaks: Personal budgets can be used to fund short breaks (see Social Care section).

Direct Payments: You can receive monthly payments to arrange your own support.



Preparation for Adulthood

Preparing for Adulthood is very important for young people with SEND. It helps them live independently and do well. It also helps them reach their goals and make good choices about their future.

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/>

What Is Preparation for Adulthood?

It involves planning for key life areas:

- **Education, employment and training**
- **Independent living**
- **Friends, relationships and community participation**
- **Good health and wellbeing**



Preparation should begin as **early as possible** and be a priority from Year 9 onwards. It should be discussed in **annual reviews** for those with an **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan**.

Who Is Responsible?

Everyone involved in a young person's life plays a role:

- Parents and carers
- Teachers and SENCOs
- Health and care professionals
- Community and voluntary sector workers



Young people should be encouraged to express their **hopes, goals, and preferences**. Their voice is central to planning.

Transition Planning

Transition planning includes:

- Exploring post-16 education options
- Accessing careers advice and work experience
- Planning for independent travel and housing
- Understanding adult health and social care services



There is a Preparing for Adulthood (PfA) Transition Guide on the SEND Local Offer. Ask someone in a Family hub, Library or school to print the PDF booklet out for you.

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/PfATransitionGuide/>



Post-16 Education Options in Sheffield



What does “Post-16” mean?

Post-16 education refers to the learning options available after Year 11 (age 16+). These include sixth forms, colleges, specialist schools, and adult learning services. Most full-time courses involve around 16 hours of study per week, usually spread over three days. It's important to plan how the remaining days will be used—this could include homework, volunteering, or part-time work, depending on the young person's needs.

Planning Your Post-16 Journey: A Guide for Young People



There is a Planning Your Post-16 Journey: A Guide for Young People on the SEND Local Offer. This guide helps young people with SEND explore their education options after Year 11. It's designed for learners working from Pre-Entry Level up to Level 2 and encourages planning with support from parents, carers, teachers, or careers advisers.

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/Post-16GuideforYoungPeople/>

Key messages:



- You don't have to decide alone—there's help available.
- Exploring options builds confidence and motivation.
- The guide includes practical advice on choosing courses, applying for places, and preparing for adulthood.

Ask someone in a Family Hub, Library or school to print the PDF booklet out for you.

Mainstream Colleges, Sixth Forms & Adult Learning

Mainstream Sixth Forms

Many secondary schools in Sheffield have sixth forms that accept students with SEND and EHC plans.



A full list of Secondary schools is available on the Sheffield Directory:

<https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/directory/>.

Secondary schools in your local area can be found on the Council website:

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-catchment-checker>.

Ask a family hub, school, library or professional to print a list of them for you.

Applications are made through Sheffield Progress by 31 January each year.

Website: <https://www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk/>



The Sheffield College

Offers a wide range of courses and apprenticeships to prepare young people for work, university, or adult life. They support learners with Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans and other medical needs. They have the Peaks Campus dedicated for SEND learners.



Phone: 0114 260 2600

E-mail: info@sheffcol.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.sheffcol.ac.uk>

Sheaf Training Centre

Provides specialist vocational education for young people with communication and learning difficulties, including autism. Their High Needs programmes help learners prepare for further study or employment.



Phone: 0114 403 1007

E-mail: louise.goddard@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.lifelonglearningandskills.org/our-facilities/training-centres/sheaf-specialistvocational-college>

Adult Learning (FACES)

The Family Adult Community Education Service offers term-time courses for adults aged 19+ in community settings across Sheffield. Enrolment is available in September, January, and April.



Phone: 0114 229 6144

E-mail: faces@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.lifelong-learning.sheffield.gov.uk/about-family-adult-and-community-education-service>

Special Schools and Specialist Hubs (Post-16)



An Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan is needed to attend one of these settings.



Talbot Specialist School

Offers three pathways focused on sensory needs, independence, and preparation for adult life. Students follow ASDAN Life skills Challenges and may attend Sheffield College part-time. Transition support is built into the curriculum.



Phone: 0114 250 7394

E-mail: enquiries@talbot.sheffield.sch.uk

Website: <http://www.talbotlearningcommunity.org.uk>

Seven Hills School

Provides three learning pathways—Developmental, Semi-Formal, and Formal—tailored to individual needs. Students work toward ASDAN and Functional Skills qualifications, with a strong focus on independence and community engagement.



Phone: 0114 274 3560

E-mail: enquiries@sevenhills.sheffield.sch.uk

Website: <http://www.sevenhillslearning.co.uk>



Bents Green School

Post-16 education is delivered at the Enterprise Works site, with a second site opening in 2025. The school supports career exploration and transitions through visits and a structured careers curriculum.

Phone: 0114 236 3545



E-mail: enquiries@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk

Website: <http://bentsgreenschool.co.uk>

Kenwood Academy

Supports neurodiverse learners aged 11–19. The school focuses on inclusive education and personal development within a nurturing environment.

Phone: 0114 255 7679



E-mail: kenwood@nexusmat.org

Website: <https://www.kenwoodacademy.co.uk>

Becton & Silverdale Post-16 Hub

New specialist hub offering two pathways:

Pathway 1: Up to 3 Level 3 qualifications and work experience.

Pathway 2: Fewer qualifications with intensive work experience. Includes English and Maths support. Admissions via EHCP Annual Review.

Phone: 0114 3053121



E-mail: enquiries@becton.sheffield.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.becton.sheffield.sch.uk>



Employment and Training Support for Young People in Sheffield

This section provides information for families and young people who may not have regular access to the internet. It outlines the support available in Sheffield to help young people with disabilities and health conditions find and keep a job and explore training options after school.

Help with Finding and Keeping a Job

Sheffield offers various services to support young people with disabilities and health conditions in finding and keeping a job. These include job coaching, employment assessments, and referrals to disability employment advisors.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/finding-and-keeping-a-job/>

Health Adjustment Passport

This passport helps individuals identify the support they need at work. It can be used to apply for Access to Work funding, request reasonable adjustments, and communicate needs to employers. Available in easy read, large font, braille, and other formats.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/HealthAdjustmentPassport/>



If You Are Still in Education

Sheffield Futures and Jobcentre Plus offer careers advice and job preparation support in schools. Sheffield College provides Supported Internships for students with EHC plans, combining work placements and study.



Sheffield Futures



Phone: 0114 2012800

E-mail: enquiries@sheffieldfutures.org.uk

Website: <https://www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk/>

If You Have Left Education

Opportunity Sheffield runs employment programmes for those aged 18+ with disabilities. Job coaches help with CVs, applications, and finding suitable roles. Youth Hubs and Better Working Futures offer additional support.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/finding-and-keeping-a-job/if-you-have-left-education/>

Opportunity Sheffield provide tailored support.



Phone: 0114 229 6168

E-mail: opportunity@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/business/employment-skills>

If You Are Already Working or Have a Job Offer

Access to Work grants help disabled individuals stay in work. Support includes job coaching, equipment, travel assistance, and mental health services. The scheme is available to those employed, self-employed, or with a job offer.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/finding-and-keeping-a-job/if-you-are-already-working-or-have-a-job-offer/>

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are paid jobs with training. Sheffield City Council and other providers offer support for young people with SEND to apply and succeed. Lifelong Learning and Opportunity Sheffield can provide guidance. You search and apply for these through a Government website <http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-supported-internships/apprenticeships/>

Traineeships

Traineeships combine education and work experience to prepare young people for employment. You can search and apply for these through a Government website <https://www.gov.uk/find-traineeship>.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-supported-internships/traineeships/>



Supported Internships

These are employer-based study programmes for young people with EHC plans. They include unpaid work placements and aim to lead to paid employment. Providers include Choices College (NHS), Sheffield College, Sheaf Training, and Nacro.

Choices College



Contact name: Amy Cam

E-mail: amy.cam@nhs.net

Sheffield College



Contact name: Rachael Dickens

Phone: 07469 378324

E-mail: rachael.dickens@sheffcol.ac.uk
admissions@sheffcol.ac.uk

Sheaf Training



Contact name: Ellie Cook

Phone: 0114 403 1007

E-mail: ellie.cook@sheffield.gov.uk

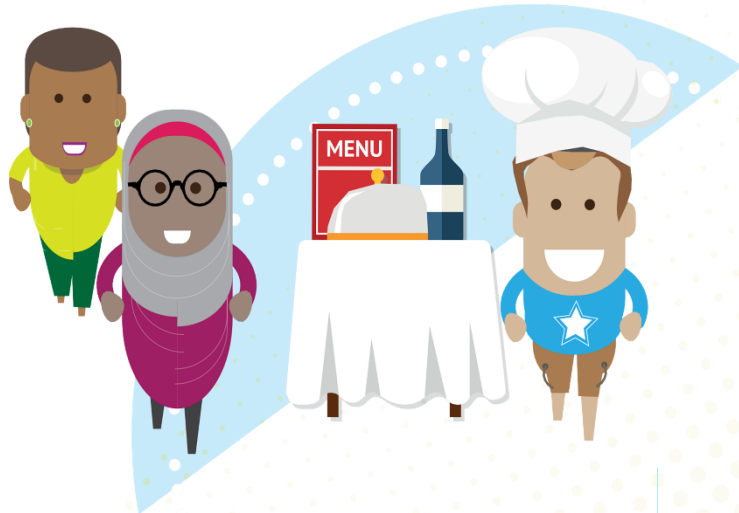
Nacro



Contact name: Lewis Greenway

Phone: 0114 272 2319

E-mail: lewis.greenway@nacro.org.uk



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/apprenticeships-traineeships-and-supported-internships/supported-internships/>

Social Care Support

The **Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) Team** supports young people aged 16–25 with care and support needs as they move into adult services.

Phone: 0114 205 7288

E-mail: pfa@sheffield.gov.uk

Website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/PfATeam/>



Transport

Sheffield City Council offers travel support for children and young people with SEND. Support can include minibus or taxi, help with costs, free passes or helping children and young people to travel on their own.

School Transport for Children with SEND

Most families take their children to school themselves. Sheffield City Council can provide free travel for those who qualify. This includes:

- Minibus or taxi transport (usually shared)
- Help with travel costs
- Free travel passes

Whether you can get free travel is based on:

- Distance from school
- Ability to walk safely
- Individual needs

Having an EHC Plan does **not mean** you will always get travel support.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/getting-around/school-transport-for-children-with-special-educational-needs/>

Independent Travel Training

This free service helps young people with SEND travel on their own. They learn to:

- Read a timetable and buy a ticket
- Stay safe on the road and on buses or trams
- Deal with changes to the journey
- Become confident

Training includes:

- Home visit to help plan the route
- One-on-one coaching
- Shadowing on the route and review meetings
- Certification at the end



Top-up training is available when changing schools or colleges.



Contact: 0114 205 3542

E-mail: indetravel@sheffield.gov.uk

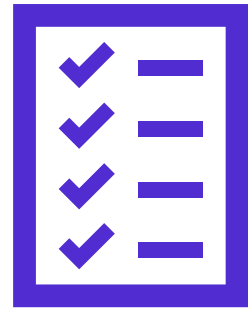
Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/preparing-for-adulthood-pfa-transition-guide/independent-travel-training/>



Post-16 SEN Transport

Post-16 travel support is available but not automatic. Families must reapply each year. Support may include:

- Independent travel training
- Free travel passes
- Reimbursement for travel costs
- Minibus or taxi transport



There is a **yearly family cost** for transport, which may be reduced based on attendance. A **16–19 bursary** may help cover costs.

Contact: 0114 205 3542



E-mail: indettravel@sheffield.gov.uk

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/preparation-for-adulthood/preparing-for-adulthood-pfa-transition-guide/sen-transport-transition-guide/>

Public Transport Travel Passes

Children and young people with SEND may qualify for:

- **Zoom Zero Pass:** Free travel between home and school
- **Disabled Person's Pass:** Free travel on buses, trains, and trams
- **Disabled Persons Railcard:** 1/3 off most rail fares for a companion

If not eligible through Travel South Yorkshire, families can apply to Sheffield City Council for a letter of entitlement.

If receiving higher-rate DLA, PIP, or Attendance Allowance, a carer may travel free with the child.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/getting-around/public-transport-travel-passes/>



Leisure and Things to Do

There are many inclusive activities in Sheffield. Children and young people with SEND can join clubs, sports, arts, and events to have fun, make friends, and feel confident.

Taking Part in Your Community

Young people with SEND can get involved in shaping services and making their voices heard through groups such as:

- **SENDing Voices:** For ages 13–24 with SEND who want to improve services for others.
- **Sheffield Youth Cabinet:** Elected representatives aged 11–17.
- **UK Youth Parliament:** National campaigns led by Sheffield's elected youth members.
- **Community Young Advisors:** Engage with decision-makers and influence local change.



E-mail: youth.voice@sheffield.gov.uk

Opportunities to Join In

There are many ways to get involved in your community, including:

- Local clubs and activities
- Arts and creative workshops
- Sports and fitness sessions
- Inclusive events and festivals



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/things-to-do/community-and-friendships/opportunities-to-join-in-and-get-involved/>

Volunteering Opportunities

Young people aged 14–25 can volunteer in Sheffield. They can help in:

- **Young Healthwatch**
- **Sheffield Volunteer Centre**
- **Family Hubs**
- **Community Youth Services**

Volunteering builds confidence, skills, and friendships. It makes a difference in the community.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/things-to-do/community-and-friendships/volunteering-opportunities/>



Universal Youth Services

Sheffield's **Community Youth Services** offer:

- Youth clubs
- Detached youth work
- Group work and partnerships



These services are open to all young people and include **specialist clubs for those with SEND**.



E-mail: youth.services@sheffield.gov.uk

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/children-and-families/community-youth-services/>

Youth Clubs

There are dozens of youth clubs across Sheffield, including:

- **S Club 5 (Milan)** – SEND-specific club
- **Leo's SEN Club** – Norfolk Park
- **Universal clubs** – Open to all, with support available via SNIPS



E-mail: youth.services@sheffield.gov.uk

Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/children-and-families/community-youth-services/universal-youth-services/youth-clubs/>

Short Breaks

Many leisure activities also qualify as **Short Breaks**, offering fun and development for children while giving carers a break. See the **Social Care** section for more details.



Resolving Disagreements and Feedback

Sheffield provides clear pathways for families to raise concerns, seek resolution, and share feedback about SEND services. You can speak to Sheffield SENDIAS at any point to talk through your options.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/tell-us-what-you-think/what-if-i-have-questions-about-a-decision/>

Disagreement Resolution

If you disagree with a decision made by the local authority or a school regarding SEND provision, you can request **disagreement resolution**. This is a **free, voluntary, and confidential** service provided by an independent body.



It can help resolve issues such as:

- How support is provided
- Decisions about EHC assessments or plans
- School placements

Mediation

Mediation is available if you disagree with decisions about:

- EHC needs assessments
- EHC Plans
- Placement decisions
- Amendments or ceasing of a plan



You must consider mediation before appealing to a tribunal. A **mediation certificate** is required to proceed with a tribunal, even if you choose not to mediate.

Tribunal



You can appeal to the **SEND Tribunal** if you disagree with decisions about:

- EHC needs assessments
- EHC Plans
- Placement
- Amendments or cessation of a plan

Tribunals are independent and legally binding. You can represent yourself or have support from SSENDIAS or legal professionals.



Complaints

If you're unhappy with a service, you can make a complaint directly to:

- The school or setting
- Sheffield City Council (Local Authority)
Phone: 0114 273 4567 and select option 4)
Write to the Service (includes Social Care): Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH.
- Health services
E-mail: complaints@shsc.nhs.uk
Phone: 0114 2718956
In writing: Complaints Team, Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust, Centre Court, Atlas Way Sheffield, S4 7QQ



Complaints should be made in writing where possible and follow the organisation's complaints procedure.



You can also find information about making a complaint that is specific to children and young people with SEND on the IPSEA (Independent Parental Special Education Advice) website:
<https://www.ipsea.org.uk/pages/category/making-a-complaint-or-challenging-a-decision>.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/tell-us-what-you-think/how-to-complain/>

Compliments

If you've had a positive experience, you can share a compliment to help improve services and recognise good practice.



E-mail: localoffer@sheffield.gov.uk

You can also write to us at: Sheffield SEND Service, Howden House, Floor 5, 1 Union Street, Sheffield, S1 2SH.



Webpage: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/tell-us-what-you-think/want-to-give-a-compliment/>



Services that Support SEND that are commissioned by Sheffield City Council or Sheffield NHS.

Please note that this list can change as new services are created. There are also lots of other services and organisations on the Sheffield Directory that can be searched for (please note, always check their offer as some may charge a fee). You can look for schools and colleges on the Sheffield Directory – ask someone for help with this.

Search on the website: <https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/directory/>



Education Support Services

Service/Organisation	Details
0–5 SEND Service (including Portage Home Visiting Service)	Description: Specialist support for children with complex needs above SEN Support level. Address: Manor Lane, Sheffield Phone: 0114 2736411 E-mail: 0-5SEND.SupportService@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/0-5SENDSupportService
Autism Social Communication Education and Training Service (ASCETS)	Description: Support for autistic children and those with social communication barriers in mainstream education. Address: Manor Lane, Sheffield, S2 5AX Phone: 0114 250 6800 E-mail: autism.educationteam@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/ASCETS
SEND Statutory Assessment and Review Service (SENDSARS)	Description: Manages statutory EHC assessments, maintains EHC plans, coordinates placements, and supports annual reviews. Address: Howden House, Sheffield, S1 4PL Phone: 0114 273 6394 E-mail: SENDAssess&Review@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/SENDSARS/
Sheffield Educational Psychology Service	Description: Provides specialist psychological support for children with complex and long-term SEND. Prioritises Looked After Children. Address: Manor Lane Depot, Sheffield, S2 5AX Phone: 0114 250 6800 E-mail: educational.psychology@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/EPS/
Sheffield dDeaf Support Service	Description: Supports d/Deaf children and young people through integrated resources and teaching visits. Address: Building 7, Manor Lane Depot, Sheffield, S2 5AX Phone: 0114 273 6410 E-mail: Bernadette.Roe-Dean@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/ServiceDeaf/
Sheffield Vision Support Service	Description: Supports children and young people with vision impairments from 0–25. Offers assessments and tailored support packages. Address: Tapton School, Darwin Lane, Sheffield, S10 5RG Phone: 0114 294 1201 / 07875 767408 E-mail: visionsupport@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/VisionService/



Service/Organisation	Details
Sheffield Virtual School for Children Looked After	Description: Supports children in care with education plans, funding, and enrichment programmes. Address: Howden House, Sheffield, S1 2SH Phone: 0114 203 7790 E-mail: virtualschool@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/virtual-school

NHS Health Service

Service/Organisation	Details
Sheffield Speech and Language Therapy Service	Description: Supports children with speech, language, communication, and swallowing needs. Offers care episodes and referrals. Address: 18 Union Rd, Nether Edge, Sheffield, S11 9EF Phone: 0114 226 2333 E-mail: scn-tr.slt-sheffield@nhs.net Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/speech-language-and-communication
Physiotherapy, Occupational and Musculoskeletal Therapy Department – Ryegate Children's Centre	Description: Offers therapy and assessments for children with physical disabilities, motor coordination, and sensory needs. Address: Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield, S10 5DD Phone: 0114 271 7227 Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/physiotherapy-and-occupational-therapy/
Motor Skills Team	Description: Supports children with coordination difficulties, including Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD). They offer assessments and therapy plans to improve motor skills. Address: Tapton Crescent Road, Sheffield, S10 5DD Phone: 0114 271 7610 Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/motor-skills/
Assessment and Rehabilitation Therapy Team (ARTT)	Description: Holistic assessments and long-term rehabilitation for adults with long-term conditions. Address: Nether Edge Outpatient Clinic, Lyndhurst Road, Sheffield, S11 9BJ Phone: 0114 307 8016 E-mail: sth.arttsheffield@nhs.net Website: https://www.sth.nhs.uk/find-hospitals-and-services/community-health-services/a-z-hospitalservices2/assessment-and-rehabilitation-therapy-team
Children's Continuing Care	Description: This service supports children and young people with complex health needs that require additional care beyond what is provided by universal services. Eligibility is assessed through a national framework. Address: N/A Phone: 0114 3051700 Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/localoffer/health-and-wellbeing/childrens-continuing-care/
Community Learning Disability Team (Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Trust)	Description: Specialist health service for adults with learning disabilities, offering assessments, diagnosis, and support. Address: Grenoside Grange, Saltbox Lane, Sheffield, S35 8QS Phone: 0114 226 1562 E-mail: cldtbusinesssupport@shsc.nhs.uk Website: https://www.shsc.nhs.uk/services/community-learning-disability-team



Service/Organisation	Details
Community Intensive Support Service (Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Trust)	Description: Intensive support for people with learning disabilities and mental health needs, helping avoid hospital admissions. Address: 32 Firshill Rise, Sheffield, S4 7BW Phone: 0114 226 1562 E-mail: cissbusinesssupport@shsc.nhs.uk Website: https://www.shsc.nhs.uk/services/community-intensive-support-service
Community Paediatric	Description: Provides outpatient paediatric services for children aged 0–16, including developmental and behavioural assessments. Address: Centenary House, Floor 2, 55 Albert Terrace Road, Sheffield, S6 3BR Phone: 0114 305 3239 Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/child-development-and-neurodisability/community-paediatrics
Neurodisability Service	Description: Provides outpatient paediatric services for children aged 0–16, including developmental and behavioural assessments. Address: Centenary House, Floor 2, 55 Albert Terrace Road, Sheffield, S6 3BR Phone: 0114 305 3239 Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/child-development-and-neurodisability/
Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service (SAANS)	Description: Hearing tests and rehabilitation for children aged 0–16. Includes support for balance, tinnitus, and transition to adult services. Address: Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TH Phone: 0114 271 7460 E-mail: sch.audiologyreferrals@nhs.net Website: http://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/our-services/hearing
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	Description: Support children who are experiencing difficulties which are seriously impacting on their mental health and emotional wellbeing. Address: Services are provided within a number of locations including: - Centenary House - The Becton Centre (including Beighton Community CAMHS, Ruby Lodge, Sapphire Lodge and Emerald Lodge) - Amber Lodge Contact: - Becton Centre Phone: 0114 305 3106 - Centenary House. Phone: 0114 305 3218 - Beighton Community CAMHS Phone: 0114 305 3106 E-mail: scn-tr.camhsspa@nhs.net - Centenary Community CAMHS Phone: 0114 305 3218 E-mail: scn-tr.camhsspa@nhs.net Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/camhs/
Annual Health Checks (Learning Disability)	Description: Annual health checks for people aged 14+ with moderate to severe learning disabilities, provided by GPs. Address: N/A Website: Contact your GP



Service/Organisation	Details
Health Needs in Education Team – Sheffield Children’s NHS Foundation Trust	Description: Supports children with physical health needs in education through assessments, healthcare plans, and training. Address: Clarkson Street, Broomhall, Sheffield, S10 2TH E-mail: scn-tr.healthinschoolnurses@nhs.net Website: https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/services/health-needs-in-education
NHS SEND Team Sheffield (ICB)	Description: Provides oversight and case management for complex health needs, including EHCP health elements and referrals. Address: 197 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3FG Phone: 0333 041 0021 E-mail: syicb-sheffield.dco@nhs.net Website: https://www.southyorkshire.icb.nhs.uk
Kooth Digital Health	Description: Free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support for young people aged 11–18 in Sheffield. Address: 5 Merchant Square, London, W2 1AY E-mail: kel@kooth.com Website: https://www.kooth.com

Social Care Support Services

Service/Organisation	Details
Family Intervention Service (FIS)	Description: Offers support for families around relationships, mental health, education, parenting, and more. Address: Children and Families Services, Sheffield Phone: 0114 203 7485 E-mail: EarlyHelpAssessment@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/social-care/children/how-access-help-and-support-your-family
Sheffield Carers Centre	Description: Offers free services to unpaid adult carers including advice, workshops, support groups, and emergency planning. Address: The Workstation, 15 Paternoster Row, Sheffield, S1 2BX Phone: 0114 272 8362 / 0114 278 8942 E-mail: office@sheffieldcarers.org.uk Website: https://www.sheffieldcarers.org.uk
Children with Disabilities Team	Description: This Council-run service supports children and young people aged 0–18 whose primary need is related to disability. Social workers conduct holistic assessments to plan appropriate care and support.
Preparation for Adulthood Team	Description: Supports young people aged 16–25 with care and support needs as they move into adult services. Address: N/A Phone: 0114 205 7288 Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/PfATeam/



Short Breaks

Service/Organisation	Details
Special Needs Inclusion Playcare Service (SNIPS)	Description: Provides building-based short breaks for children aged 5–18 with a diagnosis who need tailored support. Helps families find suitable clubs and offers mentoring and sleep support. Address: Not listed Phone: 0114 273 5368 E-mail: SNIPSBusinessSupport@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffielddirectory.org.uk/SNIPS/
Reach Out Saturday Club	Description: Saturday club for children aged 5–12 with disabilities. Activities include play, crafts, and trips. Referral via SNIPS. Address: Hillsborough House, 104 Parkside Road, Sheffield, S6 2AA Phone: 0114 281 1152 E-mail: info@reachoutchildcare.co.uk Website: https://www.hillsborough.sheffield.sch.uk/reach-out-childcare
All About You	Description: Charity offering short breaks for children with additional needs, adult day services, and health & wellbeing activities. Address: 12 Ulley Road, Sheffield, S13 8BB Phone: 0114 265 4165 E-mail: enquiries@woodthorpedt.co.uk Website: https://www.allaboutyoudt.com
Amy's House	Description: Respite care, inclusive activities, and support for children with additional needs aged 5–18. Address: Arbourthorne Lodge, Guildford Avenue, Sheffield, S2 2PL Phone: 0114 3492920 E-mail: Lisa@amyshouse.org.uk Website: https://www.amyshouse.org.uk
Autistic Children and Carers Together (ACCT)	Description: Autism-friendly sessions, activity groups, and family support for autistic children and carers. Address: St Mary's Community Centre, Sheffield, S2 4QZ Phone: 0114 223 0242 / 07527 824034 E-mail: enquiries@acctsheffield.org.uk Website: http://www.acctsheffield.org.uk
Burton Street Foundation – Day Activities, Day Care & Day Opportunities	Description: Offers inclusive services for children and adults with disabilities, including clubs, creative sessions, and individual support. Address: 57 Burton Street, Hillsborough, Sheffield, S6 2HH Phone: 0114 233 2908 E-mail: admin@burtonstreet.org.uk Website: https://burtonstreet.org.uk
MASKK Short Breaks & Day Opportunities	Description: Offers short breaks and day activities for children with a variety of disabilities. Referral via SNIPS. Address: Temple Park Centre, 197 Harborough Avenue, Sheffield, S2 1QT Phone: 0114 239 5739 E-mail: shortbreaks@maskk.org.uk Website: https://www.maskk.org.uk/project/shortbreaks



Service/Organisation	Details
Sheffield Mencap and Gateway	Description: Offers social and educational activities for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. Includes playgroups, day services, youth clubs, and carer support. Address: Norfolk Lodge Park, Grange Road, Sheffield, S2 3QF Phone: 0114 276 7757 E-mail: mencapoffice@sheffieldmencap.org.uk Website: https://www.sheffieldmencap.org.uk
Sport Works	Description: Social enterprise offering sport and exercise programmes for children and adults with disabilities. Covers Sheffield. Address: Royal Quays Business Centre, Coble Dene, North Shields, NE29 6DE Phone: 0191 5800 120 E-mail: info@sportworksltd.co.uk Website: https://sportworksltd.co.uk/where-we-work/yorkshire
Stephen Harrison Snooker Academy (SHA)	Description: Offers snooker coaching for children and adults with physical and learning disabilities. Address: 8 Leeds Road, Sheffield, S9 3TY Phone: 0114 478 8047 E-mail: info@stephenharrisonacademy.com Website: https://www.stephenharrisonacademy.com
Sunsetters	Description: Offers respite services and inclusive activities for children with SEND. Address: Batemoor and Jordanthorpe Community Centre, Dyche Lane, Sheffield, S8 8BT Phone: 07970 425928 / 0114 237 7777 E-mail: No e-mail Website: No Website

Other Services

Service/Organisation	Details
Travel Assessment and Training Team – Sheffield City Council	Description: Provides transport services for children and young people with SEND. Address: Staniforth Road Depot, Sheffield, S9 3HD Phone: 0114 205 3542 E-mail: indetravel@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/disability-mental-health/home-school-travel-support-childrenspecial-educational-needs
SSENDIAS – Sheffield SEN & Disability Information Advice and Support	Description: Offers impartial, confidential advice and support for families and young people with SEND. Address: Floor 1 North Wing, 1 Union Street, Howden House, Sheffield, S1 2SH Phone: 0114 273 6009 E-mail: ssendias@sheffield.gov.uk Website: http://www.sheffieldsendias.org.uk
Child Disability Register	Description: Sheffield City Council register for children aged 0–25 with disabilities or life-altering medical conditions. Address: N/A Phone: 0114 273 6009 E-mail: ssendias@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/childdisabilityregister



Service/Organisation	Details
Sheffield Parent Carer Forum	Description: Independent group supporting families of children with SEND. Offers peer support, events, and training. Address: St Mary's Community Centre, Bramall Lane, Sheffield, S2 4QZ Phone: 0300 321 4721 E-mail: enquiries@sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk Website: http://www.sheffieldparentcarerforum.org.uk
Leo's SEND Club	Description: Youth club for ages 13–25 with SEND. No referral needed—just turn up and register. Address: Centre in the Park, Guildford Avenue, Norfolk Park, Sheffield, S2 2PL Phone: 0114 205 7450 E-mail: youth.services@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/social-care/cyt
SENDing Voices	Description: Youth group for ages 13–25 with SEND to share experiences and improve services. Address: Sheffield (City Centre or online) Phone: 07391 739118 E-mail: youth.voice@sheffield.gov.uk Website: https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/youth-services-transition

