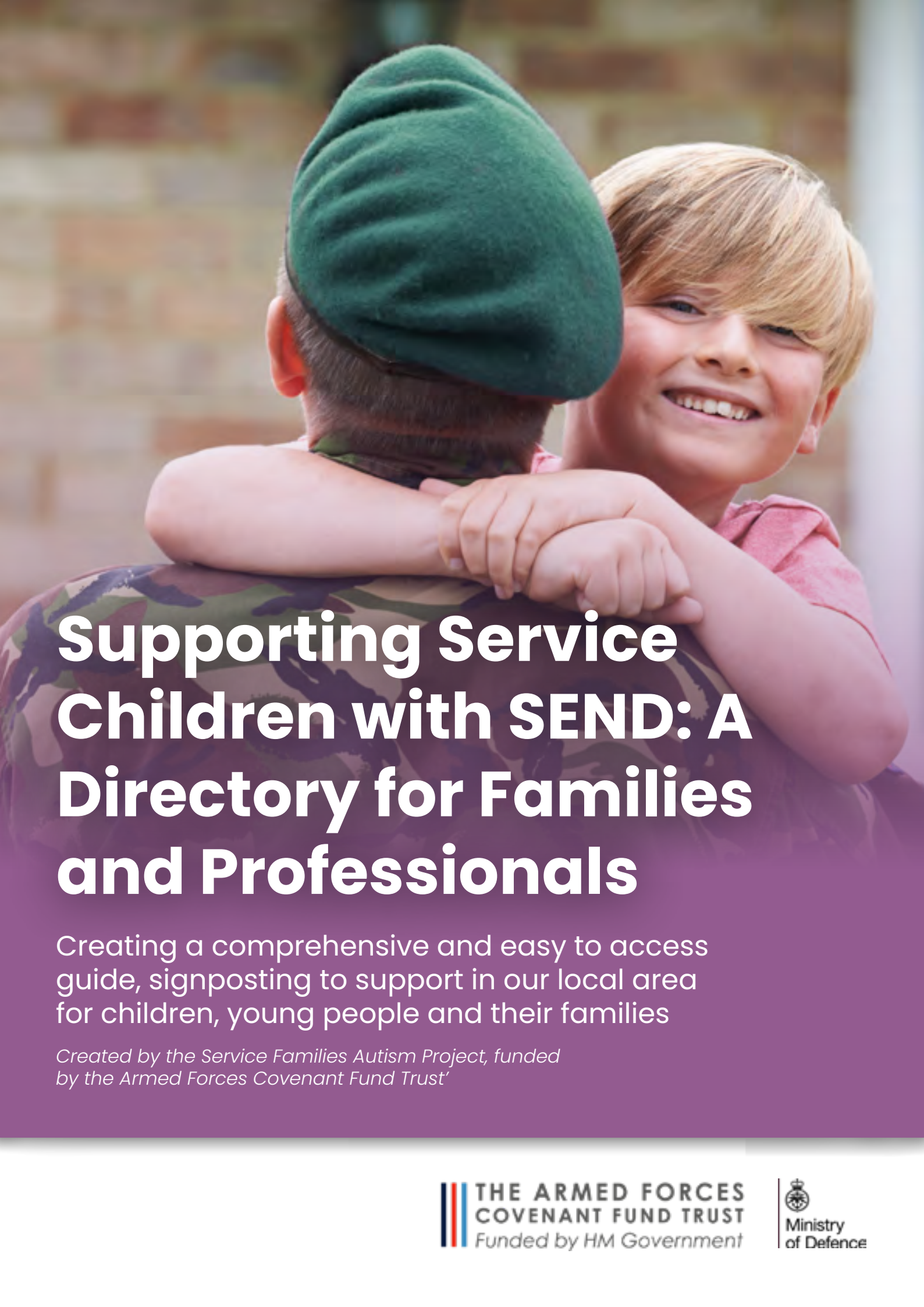




Supporting Service Children with SEND: A Directory for Families and Professionals

Creating a comprehensive and easy to access guide, signposting to support in our local area for children, young people and their families

Created by the Service Families Autism Project, funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust'



Disclaimer

To ensure the longevity of the Support Directory, there has been an ongoing commitment made by the project officers to periodically review any content and participation so that it remains relevant and up to date.

The Service Families Autism Project Directory is a signposting resource only. Inclusion in the directory does not constitute endorsement or recommendation of any group, service, or organisation listed. The directory is intended as an information guide only.

Please note that some of the services listed in this directory are paid for, while others are free; inclusion does not imply endorsement or preference based on payment.

We recognise that there may be other organisations not currently listed. If you are aware of additional services that should be included, please contact us so we can ensure the directory remains as comprehensive and up to date as possible.

autismprojectreferrals@thedalesschool.org

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1. The Service Families Autism Project: Supporting Service Children to Thrive



The Service Families Autism Project was created to support children with autism from Armed Forces families, helping them to thrive and succeed within education. Funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust and hosted by The Dales Academies Trust, the project recognises the unique challenges faced by service families – particularly when it comes to frequent moves, changes in schooling, and accessing consistent support for children with additional needs.

One of the key aims of the project is to provide practical, accessible help for families and professionals supporting children with autism. Through close collaboration with parents, carers, schools and wider community organisations, we identified a clear need for better signposting to existing support services, not just for those children with autism, but for all children with special educational needs (SEND). While there is a wide range of support available locally, many families reported difficulties in finding the right help at the right time.

In response to this, we have developed this support directory – a practical resource designed to bring together information about the many services, organisations, and resources available across the region. Whether you are a parent, carer, teacher, or health professional, we hope this directory will be a valuable tool to help you navigate what's available and make connections with the right support.

We are proud to work alongside our local community and Armed Forces families to improve outcomes for all children with SEND. This directory is a reflection of that partnership, and we hope it brings clarity, reassurance, and practical help to those who need it. Together, we can ensure that every service child with SEND has the opportunity to thrive – academically, socially, and emotionally – wherever they are.

Fran Stanyer & Katie Clements
Service Families Autism Project



2. The Service Children's Champion



The Service Children's Champion for North Yorkshire Council plays a vital role in supporting the well-being and educational success of children from military families across the region. Established in 2012, this initiative is based in Catterick Garrison, home to the largest military base in Europe, and serves over 3,000 Service children in the area.



The Champion works to:

- Advocate for Service children and their families within schools and the wider community.
- Organise events such as the Festival of Remembrance, Armed Forces Day for Children, and Month of the Military Child workshops.
- Provide resources and training for schools and professionals to better understand and support the unique challenges faced by military-connected children, such as frequent relocations, parental deployment, and social-emotional impacts.
- Celebrate achievements and foster a sense of pride and belonging among Service children through initiatives like the Service Children Awards and creative arts projects

The Champion also facilitates the Service Children's Network, bringing together educators, families, and community leaders to share best practices and build a stronger support system.

For more information or to get involved, visit servicechildrenschampion.co.uk



3. Support for Families



RAF LEEMING COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The RAF Leeming Community Support Team, led by the Service Community Support Officer (SCSO), offers comprehensive assistance to RAF personnel and their families, ensuring a smooth and supportive experience both on and off base.

We offer a wide range of services and facilities designed to support and strengthen the RAF family community.

The team operates a vibrant Community Centre that serves as a hub for activities and support. We run a dedicated team of youth workers and deliver a full programme of inclusive activities, including a youth club open to all young people aged 5 to 18 years.

Families also benefit from access to a full-size sensory room, a soft play area, and regular parent and toddler groups, providing safe and welcoming spaces for children of all ages and needs.

Through these services, the Community Support Team plays a vital role in promoting well-being, connection, and resilience among RAF personnel and their families.

Facebook – RAF Leeming Community Support Team

Email – LEE-SptWg-COMMUNITYSPT-GrpMbx@mod.gov.uk



HOME-START (Richmondshire)

Our aim: for every parent to have the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

At Home-Start Richmondshire we understand how tough parenting can be at the best of times. It can seem even more difficult if there are added pressures of exhaustion, depression, loneliness, inexperience, living away from friends and family, illness, financial worries, or multiple births. Parents need friendship, encouragement, reassurance, and practical help during the early years when children are young.

Home-Start Richmondshire has volunteers who can provide this friendship and support. They will come to your home each week for 2-3 hours to offer practical help and emotional support – whatever you need most.

If you think you could benefit from this support, if you live in Richmondshire and have at least one child under the age of 5, then please do get in touch.

Website:

homestarrichmondshire.org.uk

Email: info@homestarrichmondshire.org.uk



DAISY CHAIN/AUTISM CENTRAL

Daisy Chain are the Regional Hub for the North East & Yorkshire for Autism Central. A programme co-designed to provide high-quality and accessible autism information, education and coaching for families, for carers, and co-delivered by autistic people, families, and carers. Daisy Chain runs a variety of social clubs and youth groups for young people aged 5-17. The sessions are structured and provide opportunities for interactions and friendships between young people. As well as our traditional sessions, we offer outdoor and themed sessions including sports, crafts and much more!

We also offer 1:1 telephone support for parents and carers. These calls are bespoke to the parents' current needs and can offer advice, strategies, support, and guidance. Please use the contact form on the website to book this service. Additionally, we offer online support groups, as well as coffee mornings in Thirsk (with Carers Plus) and in Northallerton. Details for these, along with those for our after school and weekend clubs and activities are available on our website.

Web: daisychainproject.co.uk

**NDC CATTERICK**

Neurodiverse Community Catterick is dedicated to supporting neurodivergent individuals and their families across the local area as well as across the Globe. We offer a wide range of services tailored to children, young people, adults, and carers, helping to build confidence, connection, and independence.

Our group sessions and community trips provide inclusive, welcoming spaces for all ages. We run Sensory Explorers for children aged 0-10, and Youthability and Youthability Young Leaders for young people aged 10-25. For those aged 18 and over, we offer an Adult Group, along with an Out of Education Group for young people not currently in education. We also support parents and carers through regular sessions focused on advice, peer support, and shared experiences. For those aged 16 and above, we provide volunteering opportunities to develop skills and give back to the community.

In addition to our group work, we offer practical 1:1 support with EHCPs, DLA applications, and more, including tailored support for armed forces families. Online support is also available, making it easier for people to access our services from home.

At Neurodiverse Community, inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. Everyone is welcome – you're not alone.

Web: neurodiverse-community.co.uk

**OHANA**

Ohana is a Ripon-based charity supporting families with children and young people who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

We provide inclusive, welcoming spaces where children, young people, and parents/carers can connect, play, and find support.

Our weekly Play Club (ages 0-11) provides a safe, inclusive space for children to play, explore, and socialise, while parents and carers have the opportunity to relax and connect over tea or coffee. Running alongside this is our Teen Club (ages 11-17), designed to support young people in building confidence, forming friendships, and enjoying shared activities in a supportive environment.

We also host monthly Parent/Carer Support Meetings in both Ripon and Harrogate, offering a welcoming space to share experiences, seek advice, and find encouragement among others facing similar challenges.

We have events and new groups starting soon – all details will be shared on our website and social media channels. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please visit our website ohanacharity.co.uk or contact us directly at Hello@ohanacharity.co.uk

**AUTISM ANGELS**

At Autism Angels, social, emotional, mental health and well-being needs are at the heart of all that we do. We can offer support to the whole family at our Outdoor Care Farm, based just outside Harrogate in the beautiful Nidderdale Valley.

We provide a bespoke range of services such as well-being days, parent support, Saturday kids clubs, private riding therapy and family fun events, whilst bringing together a community of families on a similar journey.

Our new Alternative Learning Provision offers children an opportunity to help create their own bespoke learning in an environment that works for them.

Web: autismangels.co.uk

Email: info@autismangels.co.uk

**PARENT CARER VOICE**

We are the recognised Parent Carer Forum for North Yorkshire, supporting families with children and young people (0-25 years old) with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND). Our vision is to inform, empower and represent the collective voice of families with SEND in the region. We are a community of parent carers, connecting families through shared information, experiences, and mutual support. We know how isolating and confusing it can be to navigate services and family life with SEND, so we organise events and training across North Yorkshire and share information with the aim to inform and empower families.

parentcarervoiceuk.org



POSCH

POSCH is a peer support group for parents and families of children with additional and special needs, with or without a diagnosis, who live in Hambleton, Richmondshire and surrounding areas.

We promote and facilitate parent to parent support, provide a safe and confidential space for parents to chat, and signpost to other key agencies in the area.

We aim to:

- Empower parents to support each other through peer support groups
- Provide training on key issues, strategies/tools, and practical family support
- Arrange for speakers from services including Health, Education and Social Care to meet with parents
- Signpost and provide information to help parents access services
- Work together with other charities and agencies to ensure the parent carer voice is heard
- Provide wellness and creative sessions

Volunteer Opportunities

Groups meet monthly, in Northallerton, Bedale, Thirsk and Richmond.

For more information, please see our website hambletoncommunityaction.org

Follow our Facebook page @hambletoncommunityaction

Contact us on 01609 780458

Or via email at reception@hambletoncommunityaction.org



CARERS PLUS YORKSHIRE

We place unpaid carers at the heart of our work, whether you are caring for a family member, friend or neighbour. We enable those we support to be heard, enhance their resilience, improve their wellbeing & make positive changes in their day-to-day lives. If you spend time looking after someone who depends on you because they are ill, frail or disabled, we're here to help you!

Services we can offer;

- Adult Carer Service
- Young Carer Service (8+)
- Home from Hospital
- Providing independent advice, guidance, and support.

Look out for Caring with Confidence courses coming to Catterick and Leeming soon!

Get in touch for further information and referrals;

Email; admin@carersplus.net

Website; carersplus.net



NORTH YORKSHIRE VOICE

We are the Youth Voice & Creative Engagement Team within North Yorkshire Council, dedicated to elevating the voices of young individuals throughout the region on issues that matter to them. We invite you to get involved!

For additional information about our team, please reach out via email at nyvoice@northyorks.gov.uk



MENCAP – NORTHALLERTON & THE DALES

For over 60 years we have been your local independent charity supporting and campaigning for people with a learning disability and their families. We listen, learn, support and include people to help them to enjoy a better quality of life in the community.

We provide a variety of activities such as:

- Monday Club (cooking & socialising),
- Tuesday Art Group,
- Wednesday Drop In (fun activities, café and afternoon sports, bingo or karaoke)

and Lunchables, as well as community-oriented projects in partnership with other local voluntary and statutory agencies.

Please see our website for further information about the support we can provide in Northallerton & The Dales.

northallertonmencap.org.uk



FEAST

FEAST offers loads of different things to do in the school holidays!

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals.

FEAST partners with leading holiday playschemes, clubs and activity providers from across North Yorkshire to offer a wide range of activities for kids of all ages from Reception to Year 11.

For more information and details on how to get your FEAST vouchers;

northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast



THE MILITARY WAGS CHOIR

The Military WAGS Choir Catterick is a vibrant and supportive community of women with military connections based in Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire. Founded in 2010 during the Afghanistan conflict, the choir was created to offer a space for singing, support, and socialising.

Over the years, it has grown into a cherished group that uplifts its members through music and camaraderie. Known for their heartfelt performances and community spirit, the choir continues to shine at local events and competitions, including a recent win at the 2025 Wensleydale Tournament of Song.

- **Who Can Join:** The choir is open to Wives, Affiliates, Girlfriends, and Servicewomen with any military connection. If you're unsure whether you qualify, you're encouraged to reach out and ask.
- **When & Where:** Rehearsals are held every Thursday at the Garrison Memorial Church (St. Martins and St. Oswalds, Church Road, Catterick). Members gather at 5:30 PM for social time, with singing starting at 6:00 PM.
- **What to Expect:** Sessions are led by their dynamic Musical Director, Benjamin Noble, and last about 90 minutes. The atmosphere is friendly, supportive, and fun—perfect for anyone looking to sing, support, and socialise

You can learn more or express interest in joining by visiting their official site: militarywagschoir.co.uk



THE SERVICE CHILDRENS COMMUNITY CHOIR

The Service Children's Community Choir is a heartwarming initiative based in Catterick Garrison, created to support the mental health and well-being of children from military families through the power of music.

Formed in September 2021, the choir brings together children aged 6 to 16 from schools across the garrison and surrounding areas. With weekly rehearsals full of singing, games, and friendship, the choir offers a safe and joyful space for young people navigating the unique challenges of military life—such as parental deployment or frequent relocations. Their motto, "We sing in harmony as one," reflects their mission to build confidence, resilience, and community spirit. The choir has gained national attention, including a performance on Britain's Got Talent and appearances at prestigious events like the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Sessions take place on Wednesday evenings from 6–7.30pm at Le Cateau Primary School. To register your child scan the QR code below or contact the team at servicechildrenscommunitychoir@gmail.com.



MAKATON CHARITY

Makaton can provide invaluable support to families of children with additional needs, by offering a visual and verbal communication system that bridges gaps in understanding and expression. By using signs, symbols and speech together, Makaton can help children communicate their needs, feelings, and choices more effectively, reducing frustration and challenging behaviour. For families, it can foster more meaningful interactions and strengthen emotional connections, while also promoting consistency across home and educational settings.

Visit the Makaton website to find your local Makaton tutor, makaton.org



NORTHALLERTON COMMUNICATION CLUB

This is a chance for those using AAC to meet up, socialise and discuss what is important to them.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) is a range of strategies and tools to help people who struggle with speech. These may be simple letter or picture boards or sophisticated computer-based systems.

AAC helps someone to communicate as effectively as possible, in as many situations as possible.

A chance to get together with AAC users across Northallerton & beyond, open to ages 14+.

We meet at the Goosecroft Centre in Northallerton, on the first Saturday of every month.

Email for further information; aac.northallerton@gmail.com



4. Support for Health and Wellbeing



GROWING HEALTHY 0-19

The role of the Healthy Child Service is to deliver the Healthy Child Programme for children aged 0-19 years and their families.

hdftchildrenshealthservice.co.uk



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Our occupational therapists and therapy assistants work with children and young people who have significant difficulties which impact on their development and/or ability to participate in everyday activities.

hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/specialist-childrens-services



SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

We are the paediatric Speech and Language Therapy team. We work with children, young people, and those around them. In our team we have Speech and Language Therapists and Speech and Language Therapy Assistants.

We provide services for children and young people who have difficulties with their speech, language and communication and/or eating, drinking, and swallowing.

For more information on support services and making a referral;

hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/specialist-childrens-services



PHYSIO

The physiotherapists and physiotherapy assistants work with children and young people who have different conditions which affect physical development, walking, movement, balance, coordination and posture.

hdft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/specialist-childrens-services



EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICE

Within North Yorkshire Council, we are a relatively small, however growing team of Educational Psychologists (EPs).

We have qualifications, knowledge, skills, and experience in the fields of psychology, education, and special educational needs. All qualified EPs are registered with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), engage in a programme of CPD to ensure their knowledge and skills are up to date and have regular supervision with their line manager.

EPs support with the most complex and vulnerable groups of children and young people within settings, schools, and colleges. Currently, EP support to settings from the central team is focussed on statutory, Targeted Mainstream Provision (TMP) aspects of work and increasing amounts of other core EP involvement, for example, consultations, supporting wider inclusion colleagues with certain initiatives and ELSA.

Within North Yorkshire Council we continue to have support from a designated team of locum EPs to support the central EP team to fulfil statutory responsibilities.

EPs within the central team are part of Inclusion, and the multi-agency, locality hub teams across the Council. The Educational Psychologists involved with supporting children, families, and settings within the Hambleton and Richmondshire area are involved with the core central team activities mentioned above and take part in locality SEND Hub team meetings.

The Area Senior EP attends SEND Hub allocation panels to support hub team colleagues with the early identification of children and young people with additional needs and advising regarding required support or training.



THE SLEEP CHARITY

A national, award-winning charity empowering the nation to sleep better.

We are one of the leading, independent expert voices on sleep issues in the UK and we are here to help everyone get a better night's sleep. Whether it's advice, education or support for children, teenagers, adults, workplaces or professionals, we are on hand with expert knowledge, resources and accredited training.

Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. If you have a child with additional needs and sleep issues, bedtimes can be tricky. Whether they struggle to communicate how they're feeling, have increased anxiety, sensory issues or social cueing problems, sleeping may well be difficult.

Our website details advice, strategies and resources to help your child sleep better.

thesleepcharity.org.uk

info@thesleepcharity.org.uk



JUST B

Just 'B' is a specialist bereavement support and emotional wellbeing service helping children, young people and adults across the communities of North Yorkshire. We offer face to face and virtual sessions for individuals needing a space to explore their pre-bereavement or bereavement needs. For further information on how to refer into the service, please visit our website or call our team on 01423 856 790.

justb.org.uk



CAMHS

For information about Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, please visit their website for information about the support they can offer to children and young people.

tewv.nhs.uk/services/camhs



COMPASS PHOENIX

The aim of the Compass Phoenix service here in North Yorkshire is to improve the outcomes for children and young people in relation to their emotional well-being and mental health, by strengthening the range of mental health support available to children, young people and schools. There is no cost implication for any element of our service.

We are proud to offer:

- Support to enable schools and colleges to develop a whole school approach around emotional wellbeing and mental health through the delivery of training.
- Professional consultations for school and college staff, in which we provide advice, guidance and resources around emotional wellbeing and mental health for individual children and groups.
- Our BUZZ US text message service for 11-18-year-olds.
- Support and interventions for children and young people aged 9-19 (and up to 25 for those with special educational needs or disabilities) experiencing mild to moderate mental health difficulties.

compass-uk.org/services/compass-phoenix



5. Support from Military Organisations and Charities



SSAFA

SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity. As the oldest tri-Service charity, SSAFA provides trusted support to British Armed Forces serving personnel, reservists, veterans, and their family members. Recognising the unique challenges faced by service families—such as frequent relocations, disrupted routines, and limited access to consistent healthcare – SSAFA's Additional Needs & Disability Advisor offers tailored assistance, advocacy, and guidance for Armed Forces families with additional needs and disabilities.

Through dedicated services, SSAFA helps families to navigate education systems, enquire into specialist support and connect with local resources. SSAFA also offers Short Breaks for Forces families who have a child with an additional need and/or disability between the ages of 5 –18 years.

SSAFA operates through a branch network of caseworkers, with SSAFA North Yorkshire serving as the local branch for the area. Please visit the SSAFA website for more information or to get in touch.

Website: ssafa.org.uk



FANDF

FANDF (The Forces Additional Needs & Disability Forum). FANDF, facilitated by SSAFA, is a tri-Service group open to serving personnel, reservists, and their families who have a child or adult immediate family member with an additional need and/or disability.

The FANDF is a unique group as it is run by a committee of members whose vision is to ensure that all 'Forces families with additional needs and disabilities receive the support they need.'

Its mission is to:

- Give these families a voice
- Influence positive attitudes and awareness
- Help shape policy and decision-making within the Ministry of Defence, healthcare, education and beyond.

FANDF provides signposting to relevant support services, opportunities to influence policy through surveys and local outreach events and the biennial FANDF Conference. For more information or to join, please visit the FANDF website.

Website: ssafa.org.uk/fandf



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Royal British Legion (RBL) offers the Armed Forces community (the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families) support for life. We provide expert advice along with practical and financial support. We're there for the Armed Forces community, whatever the need, whenever it's needed.

For more information, please visit our website britishlegion.org.uk



RAF FAMILIES FEDERATION

The RAF Families Federation (RAFFF) exists to make life better for Service personnel and their families, at home and overseas.

We provide reliable information and support to Service personnel and families, including help with issues related to housing, education (including SEND), childcare, health, partner employment, finance and deployment.

The RAFFF act as an independent voice, gathering evidence to influence policy changes and improve the lives of the RAF community.

Contact the RAFFF for support at: raf-ff.org.uk/contact



ARMY FAMILIES FEDERATION

The Army Families Federation (AFF) is a strong independent voice for Service personnel and their families.

We work to improve the quality of life for the Army family, wherever you are in the world.

The AFF offers comprehensive support to Army families with children who have additional needs or disabilities, ensuring they receive the assistance required to navigate the complexities of service life.

Key support areas include;

- Health and Additional Needs Advice
- Education Support
- Support Groups & Community Engagement
- Transition Assistance

For more information and to view the AFF animation video, visit the AFF website;

aff.org.uk



NAVAL FAMILIES FEDERATION

The Naval Families Federation (NFF) is an independent charity providing essential advice, advocacy, and specialist support tailored to Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Maritime Reserves, and Royal Fleet Auxiliary families – including those caring for children with additional needs or disabilities.

NFF offer guidance on areas like education, health & well-being, and family life and will signpost to specialist charities and services when needed.

Please see the website for access to advice, further information, and signposting to additional support.

Website: nff.org.uk



HIVE

On behalf of the Chain of Command, Army HIVE delivers information support for the whole military community on a wide variety of topics affecting your everyday Service and personal life, including relocation, accommodation, health and wellbeing, childcare and education, employment, finance, deployment, resettlement, and the local area.

The service is free and available wherever you are in the world. HIVE staff can research information on your behalf and are also able to provide confidential signposting to further sources of support. If you're considering overseas postings or already at post, the iHIVE (International HIVE) also provides location-specific guides and information.

If you're Service Personnel, a partner or wider family member, veteran or MOD civilian, HIVE support is available face-to-face through a worldwide network of Information Centres and also online.

Phone: 01748 872944



EDUCATION ADVISORY TEAM (UK)

The Education Advisory Team, EAT (UK) is part of the MOD's Defence Children's Services (DCS) who provide professional direction, support, and advice in order to ensure that Service children and young people are provided with every opportunity to achieve the best possible outcomes and fulfil their potential.

EAT are a tri-service organisation which supports operational effectiveness through the provision of support to Service and eligible MOD civilian families to secure appropriate educational provision for their children in the UK.

The EAT team are experienced in providing authoritative, bespoke, and professional advice on a wide range of educational issues, within the UK, including:

- Parental rights and responsibilities
- Children/young person's rights and responsibilities
- Special Educational Needs and/or Disability
- School admissions and appeals

For more information email EAT (UK) at RC-DCS-HQ-EAT@mod.gov.uk



ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

The Army Welfare Service (AWS) at Catterick Garrison offers vital support to families of children with additional needs by providing tailored welfare assistance, emotional support, and practical guidance.

They work closely with families to navigate available services, help with accessing educational and medical resources, and ensure that children's individual needs are understood and met.

AWS also collaborates with local support networks and specialist agencies to create a holistic, inclusive support system for both children and their families within the military community.



ARMED FORCES EDUCATION TRUST

The Armed Forces Education Trust is a charity working with children and young adults whose education has been compromised or put at risk as a result of parents' past or current service in our Armed Forces.

The grants we give make a difference to young lives, helping improve their educational opportunities or supporting special skills or talents.

We aim to;

1. Help fund the education of the children of service men and women who have been disadvantaged by their parents' service
2. Ensure children do not miss out because of their parents' service, regardless of age, ability, parental rank or past or current service.
3. Provide schools with funding for additional resources to support the education of children whose parents serve or have served in our Armed Forces

For more information on grant applications, visit our website;

armedforceseducation.org



LITTLE TROOPERS

Little Troopers is a registered charity supporting all children with one or both parents serving in our British Armed Forces (regular or reserve). These children face unique daily challenges, due to the service requirements of their parent(s), such as moving home, moving schools and separation.

As a charity we want to ensure all Little Troopers have fundamental resources available to ease and aid when facing these challenges, wherever they may be in the UK. Our charity's vision is that all children who have a parent serving in the British Armed Forces feel recognised, included, and celebrated, both at home and in school.

Please see our website, littletroopers.net for information sheets, activity packs, resources or to read the family stories.

A small charity with a big heart doing the very best for all the children of our British Armed Forces



SCOTTY'S LITTLE SOLDIERS

Scotty's Little Soldiers is a national charity that supports children and young people, aged 0 to 25, who have experienced the death of a parent who served in the British Armed Forces. Support is available whether the parent was serving or a veteran at the time of their death, and regardless of the cause – including through illness, accident, suicide or while on active duty. Scotty's also offers pre-bereavement support from the point a parent is given a terminal diagnosis and continues until the young person's 25th birthday.

The charity was founded in 2010 by Army widow Nikki Scott, following the death of her husband, Corporal Lee Scott, in Afghanistan. Scotty's ensures bereaved military children and their families are supported, empowered, and never alone.

Scotty's support is delivered through three Family Programmes:

The SMILES Programme is about fun and engagement and offers fun activities, gifts, group events and respite breaks to bring joy and connection.

The SUPPORT Programme provides emotional and mental health support and includes 1:1 pre- and post-bereavement counselling, and helping families navigate housing, pensions and other entitlements.

The STRIDES Programme supports education and personal development. It removes barriers to education, supports personal development and provides resources and training to teachers.

Scotty's uses an evidence-based approach with measurable outcomes. The charity gives hundreds of bereaved military children a voice, raises awareness of their unique challenges, and helps them feel part of a supportive community.

To find out more, visit:

scottyslittlesoldiers.co.uk



6. Support in Education



SEND HUBS

Specialist SEND services in North Yorkshire are coordinated and delivered through 4 Locality based hubs to provide support to schools, colleges and settings to identify and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND (0-25). The Hubs support schools and settings to increase confidence and build expertise through workforce development leading to better outcomes for all. SEND Hubs deliver training to practitioners and families, all of which can be located on NYES. All courses which are free for parents and carers. You must live in North Yorkshire, or your child attend a North Yorkshire school or setting to be able to access. Follow the link for more information and to book; nyestraining.co.uk/Training

Settings/schools/colleges can refer to the SEND hubs for specialist support, advice and guidance after they have identified CYP with additional needs and implemented the Graduated Approach. Children do NOT need a diagnosis to access Hub support. For more information and access to the SEND hub referral form; cyps.northyorks.gov.uk

SENDIASS

SENDIASS North Yorkshire provides information and advice on SEND policy, process and law to parents and carers of children with special educational needs or a disability or to young people with a special educational need or disability up to the age of 25.

Our service is:

- **Confidential.** We don't share anything you tell us unless it's a safeguarding issue or you have given us permission to speak with another service on your behalf .
- **Impartial.** We aim to give you information about the options available to you, then it's up to you to make the decisions on how you move forward.
- **Arm's length from the local authority.** Our team are employees of North Yorkshire Council, but we work independently from the local authority SEND services and departments.
- **Free of charge.** We do not charge a fee for providing you with information and advice
- **Accessible.** If you have communication difficulties or English as a second language, we will always do our best to arrange the right support. Our webpages can all be translated into languages other than English, using Google Translate. Please contact us if you need information to be provided in a different format.
- **Based in law.** All SENDIASS North Yorkshire Coordinators have completed legal training on all areas of SEND including SEN support, Education Health Care Plans, and issues such as exclusion.

sendiassnorthyorkshire.co.uk



TARGETED MAINSTREAM PROVISION

Targeted Mainstream Provisions (TMP) provide specialist support which can sometimes be needed to enable children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities to make progress within a mainstream environment.

These targeted mainstream provisions (TMP) are in certain primary and secondary schools to support children and young people with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) or communication and interaction (C&I) needs.

They provide support for children and young people within their locality and will allow access to a mainstream curriculum with additional specialist staff and resources. For more information see the Local Offer.

LOCALITY BOARDS

North Yorkshire Locality Boards. Locality boards are a dynamic collaboration between education leaders and North Yorkshire Council.

There are five boards each representing a different area of the county:

- Craven Locality Board.
- Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon Locality Board.
- Hambleton and Richmondshire Locality Board.
- Scarborough, Whitby and Ryedale Locality Board.
- Selby Locality Board.

Each board shares the aim of promoting inclusivity for children and young people aged from 0 to 25 years old. North Yorkshire Council allocates an annual budget to each board, enabling them to implement projects tailored to the evolving needs of their communities.

To find out more about the boards and the projects on offer, visit the North Yorkshire Locality Board website by scanning the QR code below.



7. Additional resources for parents, carers, and professionals



childrenssociety.org.uk/information/young-people/well-being/services/nexus

Nexus is a three-year project funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Trust. The project aims to improve support, resources and access to services for young carers within armed forces families.

discovermybenefits.mod.gov.uk

Discover My Benefits is an easy-to-use tool for those working in Defence and anyone interested in joining. You can use it to find out what support and benefits are available to you as a Service person or civil servant.

sciss.org.uk/factsheets

These factsheets are aimed to help school leaders who might be new to supporting Service children to ensure that they are aware of the many elements that Schools supporting Service children may face.

[6656-NFF-Parental-Absence-Guide-DI.pdf](#)

The purpose of this resource is to draw together useful information about parental absence and separation, and provide strategies to help families thrive.

yorkhospitals.nhs.uk/childrens-centre/your-childs-hospital-journey/therapy-services/occupational-therapy/lets-make-sense-together

Let’s Make Sense Together is a virtual service that has been developed by Occupational Therapists. It is part of York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals sensory processing pathway, supporting children and young people who have a physical and functional difficulty due to sensory processing differences.

sattproject.org.uk

This project is investigating the educational opportunities, experiences and outcomes of children with additional learning or support needs and/or disabilities from UK Armed Forces families.

LOCAL OFFER

The Local Offer for SEND provides clear, accessible information about the support and services available for children and young people with SEND in North Yorkshire.

It includes details on education, health, and social care services, how to access them, eligibility criteria, and guidance for parents, carers, and young people.

The aim is to help families make informed decisions and ensure that children with SEND receive the right support at the right time.

northyorks.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer



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