

Organisations offering support and advice

Add+up

[Add+up](#) is for children and young people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD) or challenging behaviour.

Ambitious about Autism

[Ambitious about Autism](#) is a national charity for children and young people with autism.

Ambitious College

[Ambitious College](#) admits young people from age 16 to 25, who have a primary diagnosis of ASD with a learning difficulty and who require special education. Local authorities, parents or self referral. Cost by arrangement - learners are funded by local authorities, usually from education budgets with some input from social care and / or health as best meets the young person's needs. Personal budgets can be used for the service.

Barking and Dagenham Family Information Service

[Family Information Service](#) provides information, advice and support about services and groups for parents, carers and young children with learning, physical, sensory disabilities and additional needs.

020 8227 5395

fis@lbbd.gov.uk

Barnardos London Independent Support Service (BLISS)

020 8555 1880

ISbarkingdagenham@barnardos.org.uk

Contact

[Contact](#) is a national charity for families with disabled children.

Carers of Barking and Dagenham

[Carers](#) provide a range of services to support families who have a long term illness or are disabled.

Children's centres

[Children's centres](#) are local community centres which support babies, pre-school children and their families.

CareTrade

[CareTrade](#) is a multi-award winning charity providing innovative opportunities for Londoners with autism to transition from school/college towards and into employment. It also provides in-work support (funded by DWP Access to Work), runs a weekend café training programme at Spa School House Café in Bermondsey.

Disablement Association of Barking and Dagenham (DABD)

[DABD](#) celebrates diverse ability and work with individuals, local organisations and communities to develop services to support and promote independence, social inclusion and personal development.

AccessAble

[AccessAble](#) is developed by disabled people for disabled people, Disabled Go provides access information.

Dyspraxia Foundation

The [Dyspraxia Foundation](#) is committed to making the teaching and medical professions more aware of dyspraxia; and to spread understanding of how those who have the condition can be helped.

Haven House Children's Hospice

[Haven House](#) provides specialist care and support for children and young people (birth to 19 years of age) who have life-limiting and life threatening conditions. Referrals are assessed and discussed at a weekly panel meeting to determine whether the child or young person meets the criteria for care at the hospice. This service is commissioned by Barking and Dagenham CCG.

Home From Home Care

[Home From Home Care](#) is a family-led company which provides specialist residential service for adults (17+) with complex needs, including autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, PMLD, sensory impairment and associated health and mental health issues. The cost of the service is based on an assessment.

Independent Living Agency

[Independent Living Agency](#) aims to maximise the potential of individual disabled people so that they can live their own lives.

I Can Ventures (day opportunities)

[I Can Ventures](#) is for adults (18+) with learning disabilities, autism, and additional physical/sensory disabilities. Cost: £50 per day, £25 per half day. Provides group and individual activities designed to support you to learn skills for work and life. You will be able to have fun and socialise with other people whilst taking part in lots of enjoyable activities. Specific programmes are available for transition clients. We also have social enterprises and vocational activities which cater for all ages and abilities.

Just Say Parents Forum

For parents and carers of disabled children and young people, and those with SEN.

justsaybdforum@gmail.com

Mencap

[Mencap](#) works with people with a learning disability to change laws, challenge prejudice and support them to live their lives as they choose.

Mobility Services

[Mobility Services](#) can help with Blue Badges, Taxicards and Freedom Passes.

020 8227 2334 or 020 8227 2325.

The Mullberry Bush Organisation

[Mullberry Bush](#) is a specialist therapeutic residential provision. On site National Curriculum education. Family support and intervention. Genuine early intervention to achieve excellent outcomes.

TreeHouse School

Age range: 3 to 19 years. Eligibility: Local authority, parents or self referral, where a diagnosis of autism or a related communication disorder has been made. Cost by arrangement. Learners are funded by local authorities, usually from education budgets with some input from social care and / or health as best meets the young person's needs. Personal budgets can be used for the service.

[TreeHouse School](#) website.

Richard House Children's Hospice

[Richard House Children's Hospice](#) supports children and their families in east London to lead as happy a life as possible when dealing with a life-limiting health condition.

Portage and Early Support

[Portage and Inclusion](#) is an education service for pre-school children with additional needs, run by the Children's Services department and NHS Barking and Dagenham.

Alibon Children's Centre, 175 Sterry Road, Dagenham RM10 8PT

020 8724 8550

portage.office@lbbd.gov.uk.

Rainbow Trust Children's Charity

[Rainbow Trust](#) supports over 25% of the 6,000 families in England who have a child aged 0 to 18 years of age with a life threatening or terminal illness. It supports the whole family 24/7, 365 days a year, regardless of diagnosis.

Scope

[Scope](#) is a charity that exists to make this country a place where disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Sycamore Trust

[Sycamore Trust](#) is a voluntary organisation that aims to support the needs of families, carers and friends of children with autistic spectrum disorders.

The Communication Trust

[The Communication Trust](#) supports people who works with children and young people to support their speech, language and communication.

The Heathway Centre

[Heathway Centre](#) is designed to be fully inclusive. All services have been developed in consultation with families.

The Vine Respite Services

[Vine Respite Services](#) is for children and young people aged 8 to 18 years with additional needs and challenging behaviour specialising, in autism.

Way2Say

The Way2Say group delivers the picture exchange communication system and supports implementation.

27 to 29 Woodward Road, Dagenham RM9 4SJ

020 8517 9317 / 020 8262 5330

enquiries@sycamoretrust.org.uk

Cochlear Implanted Children's Support Group

[The CICS Group](#) was set up to help families, wherever they are, whose children are so deaf that they do not derive sufficient benefit from conventional hearing aids. The vast majority of these children will be suitable for a cochlear implant, a surgically implanted device that, with the right support.

CICS is an entirely voluntary group run by parents who recognise that there is no one approach that will suit all children. CICS is the only national voluntary charity for families considering a cochlear implant for their deaf child

020 8876 8605

Independent supporters

Carers of Barking and Dagenham

[Carers of Barking and Dagenham](#) and Barnardos London Independent Support Service (BLISS) can offer support and guidance to parents and carers who have

children with special educational needs or young people with special educational needs. They are able to offer information and guidance on the following:

- education, health and care (EHC) plans
- converting statements into EHC assessments
- supporting families and young people to explore aspirations and outcomes
- information about personal budgets
- attending meetings with you during the EHC process

Barnardos London Independent Support Service (BLISS)

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[Barnardo's](#) has been selected by [The Council for Disabled Children](#) on behalf of the Department for Education to provide an additional resource to young people and parents during the implementation of the SEND reforms. It will provide independent supporters to work directly with young people and the parents of children being assessed for a new EHC plan and those converting from a statement of SEN.

Participation and empowerment for parents

Just Say Parents' Forum

The Just Say Parents' Forum is the main parent and carer forum in Barking and Dagenham. It's for parents and carers of disabled children and young people, and those with special educational needs (SEN).

[Just Say Parent's Forum terms of reference](#) (PDF, 29KB)

The forum supports you to have a say in deciding how services are provided, to make sure that resources are directed to the services parents and families value. The aim is to work towards improving the support and advice offered to, and confidence of, parents and carers in the borough, and to make recommendations to the council and its partner agencies on what is needed to improve children's wellbeing.

The forum is part of the [National Network of Parent Carer Forums](#) (NNPCF).