



Special Needs Jungle is a volunteer-led organisation and we don't have the capacity to offer personal support.

However, the links below all have paid specialists who will be able to advise you for free. There are also SEND solicitors available but of course these would charge.

Please do not contact us to ask for support or advocacy as we're afraid we will only be able to send you the following information.

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### General SEND Info

- Please check out our Flow Charts <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/flow-chart/>
- For free advice, you could try Contact's Advice Line <https://contact.org.uk/help-for-families/information-advice-services/get-in-touch/our-helpline/>
- You can also try your local IASS service who will be able to give you advice and can often support you at Tribunal. Find your local service here: <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network>

## SEND Legal information

If it's legal help around SEND law,

- get in touch with IPSEA <https://www.ipsea.org.uk/>
- <http://www.sossen.org.uk>
- For initial free information, try <https://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/get-legal-advice/education/> They are also contracted legal aid solicitors.
- This page on the [gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website includes education rights: <https://www.gov.uk/rights-disabled-person/education-rights> From here you can navigate to all the information on SEND.
- If you feel you need the help of a specialist SEND solicitor and can afford it, barrister, Steve Broach, has an article about SEN lawyers he has worked with here: <https://rightsinreality.wordpress.com/2014/09/13/solicitors-with-expertise-in-disability-and-sen-cases>
- We can also recommend Rukhsana Koser at Langley Wellington Education Lawyers; Hayley Mason and team at SEN Legal; Laxmi Patel / Rachael Allison at Boyes Turner SEN; Douglas Silas; Ed Duff at HCB solicitors; Irwin Mitchell, Simpson Millar, and Rook Irwin Sweeney. A quick google will reveal their websites.

## AUTISM:

If your child has autism, the NAS may be able to help: NAS

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/education>

**In all cases, please tell them you were referred by Special Needs Jungle.**

- You will find answers to many questions about SEND in our Ask IPSEA Answers: <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/ask-ipsea/ipseas-legal-agony-answers/>
- And answers about EHCPs in our EHCP clinic: <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/ehcp-transfer-clinic/>
- We also have lots of advice on our Get Started page <https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/get-prepared/>

## Local forums

If you would like to speak to other local parents who may be able to help you with local help and resources, contact your local Parent Carer Forum. You can find it from this page:

<http://www.nnpcof.org.uk/who-we-are/>

## PDA Resources:

- PDA Society. You can find their website here: <http://www.pdasociety.org.uk/>

Other PDA links:

- <https://contact.org.uk/conditions/pathological-demand-avoidance-syndrome/#!>
- Supportive Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/7165353156/>
- National Autistic Society: <https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/diagnosis/pda>

Other links that are not PDA specific but might be able to help are:

Our stories on SNJ about PDA:

- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/why-did-pda-son-fail-five-schools-before-someone-listened/>
- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/pda-part-of-the-autism-spectrum/>
- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/today-is-pathological-demand-avoidance-pda-awareness-day/>
- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/learning-to-cope-with-your-childs-pathological-demand-avoidance/>
- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/our-experience-special-educational-needs/>
- <http://www.specialneedsjungle.com/pathological-demand-avoidance-one-familys-story/>

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## Young people

- [www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk](http://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk)
  - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supported-internships-for-young-people-with-learning-difficulties>
  - <https://www.preparingforadulthood.org.uk/downloads/supported-internships>
  
  - [www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk](http://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk)
  - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/help-and-support-for-young-disabled-people-to-find-and-stay-in-work/help-and-support-for-young-disabled-people-to-find-and-stay-in-work>
  - <https://www.scope.org.uk/support/services/employment>
  - <https://www.princes-trust.org.uk/help-for-young-people/who-else/housing-health-wellbeing/wellbeing/disabilities>
  - <https://www.gov.uk/employment-support-allowance>
  - [https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Personal-Independence-Payment-\(PIP\)-Test/What-is-the-PIP-test](https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Benefit-guides/Personal-Independence-Payment-(PIP)-Test/What-is-the-PIP-test)
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## Safeguarding

- Advice: CafCass: <https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/grown-ups/care-proceedings.aspx>
- Advice <http://childlawadvice.org.uk/>
- Parents Accused solicitor (if wrongly accused of abuse)  
<http://www.parentsaccused.co.uk/>
- Parents protecting Children (if wrongly accused of abuse)  
<https://www.facebook.com/PPPC.UK>
- Helpline: Family Rights Group <http://www.frg.org.uk/need-help-or-advice>
- CAB: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/looking-after-people/children-and-local-authority-care/>

### Other links:

- <http://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/social-services-and-your-family/coping-with-the-aftermath-of-having-your-children-removed-by-social-services/>
  - <https://www.gov.uk/if-your-child-is-taken-into-care/overview>
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