

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN WITH ASD

Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

DLA is a benefit for all children whose care and/or mobility needs are greater than typical children no matter what the family income. Child *does not* need to have specific diagnosis; it depends on *how much extra* care a child needs.

Application forms (request one for child) 08457 123456

The Yard (Scotland Yard)

Extremely safe play park for children with extra needs and their siblings.

Friday afternoon, Saturdays, Sundays for all family.

22 Eyre Place Lane, Edinburgh EH3 5EH. 0131 476 4506

www.theyardscotland.org.uk

Kindred

They provide information about benefits, advocacy and emotional support.

0131 5360583 (Mon – Fri, 10am – 4pm)

Email: kindred.enquiries@gmail.com

Work related benefits – use of time/working hours – check with employers or agency if it becomes an issue – people caring for others with extra needs may be entitled to time off with pay.

Council tax exemptions – for people with disabilities living in house – conditions apply – exemption extremely rare.

FAIR

Advice – all benefits.

95 Causewayside, Edinburgh.

0131 662 1962

VOCAL

60 Leith Walk, Edinburgh EH6 5HB

0131 622 6666

Child and Families Social Work

General Enquiries – 0131 200 2324

Family Fund

Means tested. Medium rate DLA

01904 550055

Email: info@familyfund.org.uk

National Autistic Society (NAS)

Their website recommended with good reports – very useful (others may not be reliable).

www.nas.org.uk – for general information.

Scottish branch – Central Chambers, 1st floor, 109 Hope Street, Glasgow G2 6LL.

0141 221 8090.

Email: scotland@nas.org.uk

Lothian Autistic Society (LAS)

Monthly meetings for members. They are a useful source of information, especially what's going on locally.

Davidson House, 57 Queen Charlotte Street, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 7EY

0131 661 3834

www.lothianautistic.org

Scottish Autism

Provide specialist day services, respite care, education and practical living support; including an online 'Right Click' support for Parents programme

Hilton House, Alloa Business Park, Whins Road, Alloa, FK103SA

01259 720044

www.scottishautism.org

Action Group

Voluntary organisation with a wide range of services that include supported employment and accommodation, day services and care at home for adults, welfare rights advice and services for young people and their families across Lothian

Edinburgh office: Norton Park centre, 57 Albion Road, Edinburgh, EH7 5QY

0131 4752315

www.actiongroup.org.uk

First Hand

Offer a range of childcare and respite services to families with children with a disability up to 18 years who are not eligible for statutory funded services.

www.firsthand-lothian.org.uk, 0131 523 1322