



Dear parent / carer

I am writing to invite you to a SEND Information Autism information event because either the NHS has a record that your child is waiting for an assessment for what is known as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or you have told us that you think your child / young person may have ASD

We are working in partnership with a range of organisations to help families in Swale on the Isle of Sheppey to find and access a range of support and activities for children, young people and their families who are waiting for this assessment.

We have organised the event to be held Thursday 25th May 2023 at Sheppey Healthy Living Centre, Royal Road, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1HH at 12.30 to 3.30.

There will be presentations from IASK, The SEND Information Hub, Autism Education Trust, Children and Youth Centres. There will be the opportunity for a question-and-answer session and to meet other families who are on the same or a similar journey as you.

There are 40 places available so if you would like to attend this event, please contact send@kent.gov.uk to book your place. This is a first come first served event. If you are not able to book a place but would like to have the handouts from day along with the links to all the websites, please let us know when you book that you would like us to send you this information.

If you have asked the NHS for an assessment or diagnosis, we appreciate that since the NHS was contacted about your child you may have been waiting to hear from us. However, we hope that you will be able to come to this event and find out about the support that is already available. You will also be able to meet other parents and carers who have experience of looking after children with autism.

If the NHS records are incorrect or you are no longer concerned that your child may have autism, we apologise for contacting you but please let us know by ringing the Single Point of Access for Children and Young People's Mental Health Services on 0800 011 3474 so we can amend our records accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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