**Local Education, Health and Social Care Services/Offer**

**SCILS Course**  
Social Communication and Interaction and Learning Skills is a 7 week parent programme for parents of a preschool child who has significant and complex social communication difficulties or a diagnosis of autism.

After assessment by a community paediatrician, SaLT or early years SEND practitioner, they will tell you about this course and how to access it.

**Cygnet**

Cygnet is a 6 week group parent training and support programme, for parents of primary school aged children who have recently been assessed as having autism or significant social communication difficulties.

After your child’s diagnostic assessment, your paediatrician will tell you about Cygnet courses and how to access them.

[**Local Offer**](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/about-cambridgeshire-s-local-offer)

Cambridgeshire County Council’s Local Offer of services and support for children who have special educational needs and disabilities.

**Early help hub and family workers**

Early help gives children and families the support they need at the right time. Help offered might include a family worker to help you with any difficulties you are having at home.

If you think you and your family might benefit from some support, you should ask a professional who you know. This could be your doctor or a teacher at your child’s school or nursery. If you don’t know who to ask for help, you can contact the Early Help Hub directly:

**Email:**[**Early.helphub@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**](mailto:Early.helphub@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) **Tel:** 01480 376666

**Disability Children’s Social Care**

Disability Social care provides the following:-

* Support for children to access the community, to develop independence and life skills.
* Provides the opportunity for children and families to have a short break (see next section).
* Offers support to families and carers

The opportunity to prepare and think about the future.See [here](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/children-s-social-care/disability-social-care-0-25) for how to refer yourself and what their assessment involves:

[**Short Breaks**‘](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/short-breaks)

Short breaks’ are part of the range of support available through the Disabled Children’s Social Care Service. Short breaks funding enables disabled children and young people to access community activities and to also increase independence skills. This is achieved through an allocation of a personal budget that can be used for agreed activities or support. This support will provide the carer with a short break. **Tel:**01480 379 800  
**Email:**[dceh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:dceh@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

[**SENDIASS – Parent partnership service**](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/local-offer-care-and-family-support/send-information-advice-and-support-service-sendiass)

The Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) are a parent partnership service providing impartial and confidential information, advice and support to parents and carers who have a child or young person with special educational needs or a disability, including:

* Support for children, young people and families as Statements are transferred to EHC Plans
* Preparing for meetings with your child’s school or with professionals who are working with your child
* Information on your rights and responsibilities as a parent, children’s rights and SEN law and guidance

Information about local support groups and voluntary organisations **Email:** [pps@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:pps@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)  
**Confidential helpline open during term times:** 01223 699 214

[**SCIP data base**](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/local-offer-care-and-family-support/information-and-advice-scip)

SCIP – the Special needs Community Information Point – is a database for Cambridgeshire children and young people aged 0- 25 years who have special needs or a disability, and their families.

Information on community support and activities and weekly email updates about local groups and activities.

Join SCIP and you’ll get:

* SCIP Card
* [Activity Passport](https://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/passport-templates-child/)
* Email update on local events and activities
* Information booklets on activities, support, local and national organisations
* Carers Magazine

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