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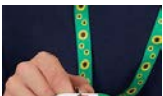
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 <p>The Independent Helpline for Special Educational Needs</p> <p>SOSISEN is a national charity that aims to empower parents and carers of children and young people with SEND to successfully tackle the difficulties they face when trying to secure the right educational provision for their children.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help lines • Walk in centres in London, Kent Hampshire & Hertfordshire- • A case note form needs to be completed before a walk in • Webinars • Workshops • 1:1 advice • Document service on draft EHCPs appeals and tribunals 	<p>0208 538 3731 sossen.org.uk</p>
 <p>IPSEA</p> <p>(IPSEA) Independent Provider of Special Education Advice</p> <p>IPSEA offers independent legally based advice, support and training to help get the right education for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free legal guides, resources and template letters • Advice Lines • Tribunal support service offering free legal advice <p>You will need to book an appointment</p>	<p>ipsea.org.uk All numbers can be accessed via the website</p>
<p>Local Authority Local Offer</p> 	<p>This is a requirement for all Local Authorities and a source of information about support in your area. It's divided into three categories;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents & Carers • Young People • Practitioners <p>A very useful resource in this area is your Local Authorities Graduated Response to SEND which I will go into more detail in another podcast</p>	<p>To search this add your borough before the phrase SEND Local Offer</p>
<p>Charities specific to your child's needs</p>    	<p>These charities will offer more specific advice and guidance based on your child's diagnosis and will also offer a community of others who understand your situation which from my own experience is invaluable</p>	<p>Search by diagnosis</p>




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 <p>Home > Benefits > Carers and disability benefits</p> <h2>Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for children</h2>	<p>DLA is not means tested and is an allowance for young people under 16.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Care Component</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lowest</td> <td>£26.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Middle</td> <td>£68.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highest</td> <td>£101.75</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Mobility Component</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lower</td> <td>£26.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Higher</td> <td>£71.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Care Component		Lowest	£26.90	Middle	£68.10	Highest	£101.75	Mobility Component		Lower	£26.90	Higher	£71.00	<p>0800 121 4600 All forms are available on .gov website</p> <p>It's important to complete the form within the 6 week timeline as there can be wait times of upto 16 weeks on decisions and if eligible the DWP will make a back payment to the date printed on the form.</p>
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	<p>You can claim carers allowance if;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you care for the person in receipt of DLA paid at a middle or high rate for 35 hours a week or more • you care for someone who in receipt of the daily living component of PIP • Your earnings are less than £139 after tax per week <p>Carers allowance is currently £76.75 a week</p>	<p>0800 731 0297 All forms are available on .gov website</p>														
	<p><u>What can I use my grant for?</u></p> <p>From kitchen appliances, to play equipment and days out - find out about the types of items that you can apply for through our grant programmes.</p>	<p>https://www.familyfund.org.uk/</p>														
	<p>The Carer's Prescription is a secure online referral mechanism which allows doctors and other primary care health professionals to support carers they come into contact with by referring them to a range of support services available across Surrey. The support provided can be to the carer directly, or to the person being cared for. The purpose is to help support the health and wellbeing of the carer and improve the balance between their caring roles and their life apart from caring.</p> <p>GP Carer Break Scheme</p> <p>Additionally, when GPs complete a Carer's Prescription, the carer may be entitled to a 'GP Carer Break'. This is a one-off payment at the GP's discretion, giving the carer household up to a maximum of £300 for a break.</p> <p>Surrey Short Breaks-£300 to put towards costs of clubs and holiday schemes etc to give carers a break</p> <p>NB someone needs to refer you for this, it can be your GP.</p> <p>https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/children-with-disabilities/surrey-short-breaks-for-disabled-children</p>	<p>www.actionforcarers.org.uk/</p> <p>0303 040 1234</p> <p>*Although this relates to Surrey's local offer - there may be a similar service in your Borough</p>														



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	<p>Ride Access Pass is designed for people with additional needs who would have difficulty queuing. You can apply with Nimbus Disability, here, or read below for more information. Please note, you must apply</p>	<p>https://support.merlinannualpass.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/4973629291037-What-is-a-Ride-Access-Pass-and-how-do-I-apply-</p>

	<p>online, in advance of your visit. You are unable to apply for a Ride Access Pass on the day of your visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free of charge • Access to a 'Virtual Queuing System'; you will wait the queue time outside of the actual queue line • Does not guarantee instant access to the rides, but will significantly decrease queuing time • You do not need to have a Merlin Annual Pass to apply • You only need to apply once to get a Ride Access Pass for 3 years <p>Carers/Helpers</p> <p>Each Ride Access Pass gives access to up to 3 carers/helpers</p>	
	<p>Discounted and free entry</p> <p>Essential Companion card</p> <p>The Essential Companion card makes it simple to bring one or two carers or companions with you, free of charge. Show the card when you arrive, and your carer(s) or companion(s) won't need to pay an entry fee.</p> <p>It's in your name so you can bring whoever you like, but even if you don't have an Essential Companion card, you can still bring carers or companions free – the card just makes it quicker and simpler for you.</p>	<p>https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/who-we-are/about-us/access-for-everyone</p>
	<p>The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.</p> <p>The scheme is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys, trampoline parks and many more.</p>	<p>https://mymaxcard.co.uk/</p>
	<p>The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA).</p> <p>The Card enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema.</p> <p>The Card is also one way for cinemas to make sure they look after their disabled guests. If you require an adjustment to visit a cinema because of your disability, cinema staff should make them for you whether you have a CEA Card or not.</p> <p>There is a £6 a year annual fee</p>	<p>www.ceacard.co.uk</p>
	<p>Radar keys can be purchased online and can be really helpful if you need to avoid hand dryers being turned on and or need a quiet space with minimal queues</p>	<p>Can be purchased online</p>
	<p>The sunflower lanyard is a simple yet discreet way to enable staff at airports to identify those who may need extra support. The use of a sunflower lanyard may also permit access to priority lanes through security, however you</p>	<p>You can ask for these wherever you are; airports, shops, theme parks etc or purchase on line.</p>

	should check with your departure airport to confirm exactly what assistance you are entitled to.	
	Extension to Blue Badge scheme has come into force in England for people who have non-visible disabilities, making travel easier. I would recommend that you get a supporting letter from your GP for your application.	www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge

