# What's on in St Helens **Autumn 1 2025**

**ADDvanced Solutions Community Network** 



**ADDvanced Solutions Community Network** is an open access offer that supports the emotional health and wellbeing of neurodivergent children and young people, their families and the professionals that work with them. **No diagnosis or referral is needed to access the offer.** 

## St Helens Community Network Group

The face-to-face St Helens Community Network Group is an informal, open access learning opportunity to seek advice and support around challenges at all stages of your journey. **No need to book**, **just come along**, to meet the team and visiting professionals.

**Day:** Tuesday

Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

**Venue: Wonderland Community Centre**, Reflection Court, Canal Street, WA10 3JQ



Tuesday Afternoons 12:30pm-2:30pm  No need to book - just drop in!					
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions				
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Dynamic Key Support Workers				
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Choosing a School				
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Supporting Organisational Skills				
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Preparing for the Future				
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Specific Learning Difficulties				
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Separation Anxiety				

# **Online Community Network Groups**

An informal, online opportunity to seek advice and get support around challenges at all stages of your journey.

Monday morn 9.30am - 11.00an			
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions		
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Puberty and Neurodiversity		
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Supporting Organisational Skills		
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Autism and Girls		
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Choosing a School		
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Encouraging Independence		
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Communicating with your Child		

Wednesday afternoons 5.00pm-6.30pm  Click here to register				
10 <sup>th</sup> September	ldentifying Problems, Finding Solutions			
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Introduction to Autism			
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Choosing a School			
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Difficulties Attending School			
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Puberty and Neurodiversity			
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Zones of Regulation			
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Encouraging Independence			

## Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme - Face-to-Face

This three session programme will run during the daytime. The sessions equip parents and carers with:

- A greater understanding of Neurodevelopmental Conditions including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.
- Practical strategies to manage everyday challenges and behaviours including sleep, toileting and eating.
- Knowledge around your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and EHCPs.

Please contact us to register your interest for our next available face-to-face Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme in St Helens.

#### Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme - Online

An online, evening alternative to the face-to-face learning programme. The programme is delivered as a webinar, with the ability to engage with the facilitator and other parents/carers through the Q&A and chat.

**Day:** Tuesday

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Venue: Online via Zoom

Tuesday evenings for six weeks 6:30pm - 8:30pm				Click here t	<u>o register</u>
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October

### Online Learning Workshop - Sleep Difficulties

Online Learning Workshops are designed to help parent/carers understand and learn more in-depth about a specific topic relating to neurodevelopmental conditions. This half term's topic will be **Sleep Difficulties**:

Sleep can be a challenge for neurodivergent children and young people, which can have an impact on their day-to-day life and wider family. During this webinar, our sleep practitioners will identify the difficulties that neurodivergent children and young people experience which can impact bed time and sleep. We will also explore what a good bedtime routine looks like, incorporating sleep hygiene, whilst providing advice and strategies for common challenges.

**Day:** Friday

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm Venue: Online via Zoom **Supporting Sleep Difficulties** 

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am - 12:00pm

Click here to register



Online community network groups and learning workshops provide parents and carers with an understanding of a particular topic around neurodevelopmental conditions. We provide strategies to support children and young people at home and in school, with an opportunity to interact with our team via the chat and Q&A function. If you are using a phone, you will need to download the Zoom app beforehand. Please be mindful of your data usage. If you do not have an unlimited data plan, you may need to connect to a Wi-Fi connection to prevent charges

Our online offer is delivered by Zoom for Healthcare, you will need to have a free Zoom account to register. The details we request when you register are kept securely and used in line with our privacy policy: <a href="https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Privacy-Policy.pdf">https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Privacy-Policy.pdf</a>

#### Autism Learning Programme - Face-to-Face

This post-diagnostic Autism Learning Programme has been designed to support and empower parents and carers in their understanding of how autism is experienced by children and young people, providing learning, guidance and strategies to better support your child/young person. The programme is for St Helens parents/carers whose children and young people have received a diagnosis of autism (ASD). This offer is in partnership with St Helens Neurodevelopmental Pathway, commissioned by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside.

# **All Ages**

Day: Mondays

Time: 9:30am - 2:45pm Venue: WA10, St Helens

Mondays for three we 9:30am - 2:45pm	Contact us to register		
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	

## **Autism Learning Programme - Online**

We are pleased to offer an online, evening alternative to the face-to-face learning programme. The programme is delivered as a webinar, with the ability to engage with the facilitator and other parents/carers through the Q&A and chat.

# **All Ages**

Day: Thursday

**Time:** 6:30pm - 8:30pm **Venue:** Online via Zoom

Mondays 6:00pm - 8:3	for six week <sup>80</sup> pm	Click here to	<u>register</u>		
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October

### Preparing for the Future Learning Offer - Parent/Carers

Offering parents and carers, in St Helens, Knowsley and Warrington, learning opportunities to understand and better support neurodivergent young people aged 11+ as they prepare for the future.

This is a structured, 6 session learning programme, delivered face to face or online, supporting parents and carers as their young person approaches adulthood:

- Independent living
- Community inclusion
- Relationships
- Good health and wellbeing
- Exploring local provision and services for young people
- Planning for transition
- Supporting independence
- Reasonable adjustments and SEND
- Further education and employment

**Day:** Tuesday

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm Venue: Online via Zoom

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Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October

#### Preparing for the Future Learning Opportunity - Young People

A 7-session programme, created for neurodivergent young people 11-18, with or without a diagnosis, providing information, strategies and advice around:

- Health, wellbeing and personal safety
- Friendships and Relationships
- Transition planning and coping with change
- Workplace readiness
- Independence, travel and managing money
- Community engagement opportunities
- Education and training opportunities

**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm **Venue:** Online via Zoom

Wednesday evenings for seven sessions 6:00pm - 7:30pm						
Session 1	n 1 Session 2 Session 3 Session 4 Session				Session 6	Session 7
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> October

# Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training for Professionals

Designed to improve professionals' understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions (NDCs), how they may present and how one condition may overlap with another. Professionals attending this training will develop knowledge, skills and confidence to better support neurodiverse children, young people and their families:

- Understand the differences between and the typical behaviours of ADHD, Autism, and other NDCs
- Recognise the impact that unsupported and unmanaged NDCs can have on an individual and their family
- Understand the impact that sensory processing difficulties can have on children and young people
- Identify local support available for professionals, children, young people and their families

Contact us for further information about our next training for professionals.

<u>Seeking Crisis Support? Click here.</u>











