

Key Organisations

- **Public Services and National Programmes:**
 - NHS Children's Speech and Language Therapy Services: Provided through local NHS trusts. Early referral pathways support children with communication needs, often integrating assistive communication devices.
 - Local Authority SEND Services: Every council has a SEND Information, Advice and Support Service, often called SENDIASS, offering free, impartial advice to parents on EHCPs and support options.
 - Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs): Statutory plans for children and young people aged 0 to 25 with significant needs, including provision for assistive technology where appropriate.
- **National Charities & Specialist Organisations**
 - Ace Centre: Supports children and young people with complex communication needs. Provides assessment, training and guidance on assistive communication technology.
 - Contact: A national charity supporting families with disabled children. Offers guidance on navigating SEND systems and accessing support.
 - Scope: Provides advice and campaigns on disability equality, including digital accessibility and employment transition.
 - National Deaf Children's Society: Offers guidance, resources and advocacy related to assistive listening and communication technology.
 - RNIB: Provides assistive technology support and advice for children and young people with vision impairment.
- **Technology Access & Equipment Support**
 - AbilityNet: Offers free advice and assessments on assistive technology and digital accessibility.
 - The Good Things Foundation: Works on digital inclusion initiatives, supporting access to devices and digital skills training.
 - Karten Network: Supports technology centres for disabled people across the UK, often providing early exposure to digital tools.