SEND NEWS SPLASH

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Local Gender Support Clinic

Since the publication of the Cass report, NHS England has put in place a different system for children and young people (CYP) who are experiencing gender incongruence to access Specialist Gender Services. CYP must be seen in a local clinic by a community paediatrician or a CAMHS practitioner before they are referred on to a specialist clinic. Access to the local service can only be made by the GP. The process is very straightforward and the wait to be seen locally is not long, a few months at most currently. Locally we provide a comprehensive evaluation, link CYP to appropriate services and ensure they and their family are provided with up to date resources.

Contact the SEND Service

Call the SEND Service on 01793 464641
Lines are open Monday to Thursday 9am-5pm and 9am-4.30pm on Friday.

Alternatively, you can email SENDService@swindon.gov.uk

For more information, please visit the Meet the SEND Service page on the Local Offer - https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20208/what_is_the_local_offer/1462/meet_the_send_service

Events:



SEND Social Club for young people aged 13-25 years.

Thursday 10th September 2026, from 6.30-8.30pm at Punjabi Community Centre, Swindon, SN2 7BB

£5 for 1 young person & 1 parent carer, £2,50 per additional person

SEND reform: education otherwise than at school

The department of education has launched a conusltation for parents, carers, schools, local authorities and sector organisations. It seeks views on how to strengthen arrangements for children and young people who are educated outside school or further education settings.

This closes on the 18th of September.

To get involved click here: https://consult.education.gov.uk/accountability-and-special-schools/send-reform-education-other-than-at-school/

Check out our useful bite-sized videos on the **Local Offer YouTube channel**.
https://www.youtube.com/@swindonlocaloffer5364
Subscribe for free and give your feedback.

Swindon and Gloucestershire Mind



Swindon and Gloucestershire Mind, in partnership with Wiltshire Service User Network and Bath Mind, have launched a short video, Creating Neuroinclusive Workplaces, which highlights how small changes can make a significant difference for neurodivergent colleagues and the wider workforce The video provides practical guidance for employers and promotes the benefits of building supportive and inclusive workplace cultures.
The video can be found here: https://www.sgmind.org.uk/current-initiatives/creating-neurodivergent-autism-friendly-workplaces/

Neuroinclusive workplaces benefit everyone.

A positive reputation by demonstrating a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.

The video also signposts employers to additional tools, training and resources that can help organisations build understanding and make meaningful adjustments that enable neurodivergent employees to succeed.

Circus Starr

Circus Starr hold inclusive circus shows for children who have disabilities and additional learning needs as well as families who are disadvantaged.Tickets are kindly paid for by local businesses. Families are welcome to apply for free tickets on our website.
We will be visiting Swindon on Wednesday 23rd September 2026.
The performances will be held at Meca, Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1PR.

There will be 2 show times an early showing at 1.30pm/ 4.45pm and later showing at 4.00pm/7.00pm.

To get tickets click here: https://www.circus-starr.org.uk/apply-for-tickets/