

What's on in Halton

Spring 1 Half Term 2025



ADDvanced Solutions
Community Network
Supporting you to find the answers



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. Below you will find the learning programmes and workshops for Halton families. No diagnosis or referral is needed to access ADDvanced Solutions Community Network.

Community Network Groups

Delivered weekly during term time, an informal, open access learning opportunity to seek advice and support around challenges you may be facing at all stages of your journey. Drop in, no need to book, to meet the team and visiting professionals.

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Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

Six-session learning programme for parents and carers to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and build skills and confidence to better support their child or young person's presenting needs.

- **Face-to-face Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme in WA7, Runcorn**
- **Online Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme**

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Online Learning Workshop

Difficulties Attending School: To help you to better understand the reasons why neurodivergent children and young people may have difficulties in accessing education, the impact of not attending and strategies we can use to support our children and young people to support them in accessing school.

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Professionals Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training

Funded training for professionals to increase understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions and the impact on children, young people and their families.

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What is a Community Network Group?

Community Network Groups, delivered weekly during term time, offer an informal learning opportunity to seek advice and support around any challenges you may be facing at all stages of your journey - no referral or diagnosis needed. Drop in, no need to book, to meet the team and visiting professionals, for learning and strategies to better support your child or young person.

Halton Community Network Group

Where?

Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes, WA8 8DF.

You can reach the centre via public transport, such as the 26 bus from Widnes Shopping Park or 79C and 82A from Runcorn High Street.

[Get directions](#)



When?	Topic
Monday 6th January 12:30pm-2:30pm	Supporting Friendships for Neurodivergent Children and Young People: Exploring how those with social and communication difficulties may find friendships more difficult, how we can support and reduce anxieties
Monday 13th January 12:30pm-2:30pm	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions: An open session to come along and discuss any difficulties you may be experiencing with your child or young person and explore strategies to support them.
Monday 20th January 12:30pm-2:30pm	Supporting Dyslexia: Exploring what dyslexia is and how we can support our children and young people with dyslexia.
Monday 27th January 12:30pm-2:30pm	Supporting Sleep Difficulties: Providing strategies and advice on how to improve sleep routines for neurodivergent children and young people.
Monday 3rd February 12:30pm-2:30pm	Emotions - what our body is telling us: Helping our neurodivergent children and young people to better recognise and manage their different emotions.
Monday 10th February 12:30pm-2:30pm	Situational Mutism: Exploring why neurodivergent children and young people are more likely to present with this condition and what we can do to support them.

Monday All Area Online Community Network Group

Please join us online by clicking [here](#) to register your details.

Only one registration is required to join any of the topics listed below and you will receive a reminder each week, which includes the link to join. Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare.

When?	Topic
Monday 6th January 9:30am-11:00am	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions: An open session to come along and discuss any difficulties you may be experiencing with your child or young person and explore strategies to support them.
Monday 13th January 9:30am-11:00am	Specific Learning Difficulties: Providing learning and strategies to support dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and dysgraphia - the four major specific learning difficulties.
Monday 20th January 9:30am-11:00am	Neurodiversity and Gender Identity: Clarifying the key terms and ideas around gender identity, as well as how we can support our neurodivergent children and young people with their gender identity.
Monday 27th January 9:30am-11:00am	Supporting Siblings of Neurodivergent Children and Young People: Exploring how to help siblings to better understand their neurodivergent sibling; sharing strategies to improve relationships and reduce sibling rivalry.
Monday 3rd February 9:30am-11:00am	Autism with a Demand Avoidant Profile (PDA): Exploring strategies to support autistic children and young people presenting with varying degrees of demand avoidance.
Monday 10th February 9:30am-11:00am	Supporting Sleep Difficulties: Providing strategies and advice on how to improve sleep routines for neurodivergent children and young people.

Wednesday All Area Online Community Network Group

Please join us online by clicking [here](#) to register your details.

Only one registration is required to join any of the topics listed below and you will receive a reminder each week, which includes the link to join. Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare.

When?	Topic
Wednesday 8th January 5:00pm-6:30pm	Supporting Siblings of Neurodivergent Children and Young People: Exploring how to help siblings to better understand their neurodivergent sibling; sharing strategies to improve relationships and reduce sibling rivalry.
Wednesday 15th January 5:00pm-6:30pm	Introduction to ADHD: Discussing the characteristics of hyperactivity, impulsivity and inattention and how they can impact on education and home life.
Wednesday 22nd January 5:00pm-6:30pm	Understanding Executive Functioning: Discussing how neurodivergent young people may struggle with executive functioning - such as organising, sequencing and managing time - and how we can support them in developing these skills.
Wednesday 29th January 5:00pm-6:30pm	Autism with a Demand Avoidant Profile (PDA): Exploring strategies to support autistic children and young people presenting with varying degrees of demand avoidance.
Wednesday 5th February 5:00pm-6:30pm	Identifying Problems, Finding Solutions: An open session to come along and discuss any difficulties you may be experiencing with your child or young person and explore strategies to support them.
Wednesday 12th February 5:00pm-6:30pm	Supporting Transition: Supporting the transition of neurodivergent children and young people, using strategies and planning to reduce their presenting anxieties around change.

What is the Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme?

The Neurodevelopmental Conditions (ND) Learning Programme provides an opportunity for parents and carers to gain understanding of neurodevelopmental conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs and gain strategies to support the difficulties that may present, including:

- **Neurodevelopmental Conditions - including Autism, ADHD, Sensory Processing Difficulties, Specific Learning Difficulties.**
- **Managing everyday challenges and behaviours - including sleep, toileting and eating difficulties.**
- **Your Local Offer, disability welfare rights and SEND, Early Help and Education Health Care Plans.**

Online Neurodevelopmental Conditions Learning Programme

**To join us online,
[Please click here to register your details.](#)**

Our ND Learning Programme will be delivered online, once a week, over six weeks - only one registration is required to attend all of the six sessions and you will receive a reminder for each session.

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6
Tuesday 7th January 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday 14th January 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday 21st January 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday 28th January 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday 4th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Tuesday 11th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm

What is a Online Learning Workshop?

Online learning workshops provide parents and carers with an understanding of a particular topic around neurodevelopmental conditions. The workshop provides 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.

Difficulties Attending School

This learning opportunity will help you to better understand the reasons why neurodivergent children and young people may have difficulties in accessing education, the impacts of not attending and strategies we can use to support our children and young people to support them in accessing school.

When?	Where?
Friday 31st January 9.30am - 12.00pm	<u>Please join us online by clicking here to register your details.</u>

Our online offer is delivered via Zoom for Healthcare, and you will receive a reminder with the link before the session via your email.

What is the Professionals Neurodevelopmental Conditions Awareness Raising Training?

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 ADHD, Autism, and other NDCs**
- **Recognise the typical behaviours of ADHD, Autism and other NDCs**
- **Recognise the impact that unsupported and unmanaged characteristics of 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.**



ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is commissioned to deliver a limited number of Neurodevelopmental Conditions Professional Awareness Raising Training. If you are interested in this full day's training, please call the office on 0151 486 1788 or email info@advancedsolutions.co.uk.

Coffee Mornings, Afternoons and Engagement Events

Our team are happy to attend any face-to-face coffee mornings and/or online sessions to explain our offer for families and professionals. Please email us at info@advancedsolutions.co.uk for further information.



Seeking Crisis Support?

ADDvanced Solutions Community Network is not a crisis service. If you, a child or young person is experiencing acute distress and is deemed to be a risk to themselves or others, we have listed the local area crisis contact details on our urgent support page, which you can find on our website: www.advancedsolutions.co.uk at the bottom of the home page.

You will also find links to national organisations that can offer support.

Online offer:

Our online offer is delivered using Zoom for Healthcare. The details we request are kept securely and used in line with our privacy policy: www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/policies/privacy-policy.html

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.

Get in touch with us

