

## Useful agencies and websites



### About Prader-Willi syndrome

English language PWS Associations' websites:

PWSA UK [www.pwsa.co.uk](http://www.pwsa.co.uk)

PWSA USA [www.pwsausa.org](http://www.pwsausa.org)

PWSA New Zealand  
[www.pws.org.nz](http://www.pws.org.nz)

PWSA Australia [www.pws.org.au](http://www.pws.org.au)

Foundation for Prader-Willi Research [www.fpwr.org](http://www.fpwr.org)

International PWS Organisation (IPWSO) [www.ipwso.org](http://www.ipwso.org)  
IPWSO is in touch with over 100 countries and can often provide information and contacts for people whose first language is not English. PWSA UK is a member of IPWSO. It has extensive advice for those caring for an adult at home on its Famcare pages <https://www.ipwso.org/famcare>

**PWSA UK Publications** Most of our information is now available on our website but we have a small range of additional booklets which can be purchased online or on the enclosed order form.

### Instant News

Keep in touch with our weekly e-news bulletin with updates about all PWSA UK related events, research and much more. Sign up on the homepage of our website at [www.pwsa.co.uk](http://www.pwsa.co.uk)

### Special needs in the UK



### Association of National Specialist Colleges (NATSPEC)

Provides information and advice on specialist colleges and further education.  
<https://natspec.org.uk/>

### Facebook and Twitter



**Prader-Willi Syndrome**

Association UK - PWSA UK official Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/PWSAUK](http://www.facebook.com/PWSAUK)



**PWS Families - Independent**

Facebook page by and for parents.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/109874009118844/>



**PWS Adults and Carers Unite - Independent**

Facebook page for adults with PWS and parents and carers.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/320078508047652/>



Follow us on Twitter at

<https://twitter.com/PWSAUK>

## Special needs in the UK (continued)

### Blue Badge Scheme

Provides a range of parking benefits and other motoring concessions for people with severe mobility difficulties, aged two years and over. You can access information about this scheme at [www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge](http://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge)



### Carers UK

Supports carers who support family or friends in need of care with information advice and campaigning for rights. [www.carersuk.org](http://www.carersuk.org)

### CEA Card

The CEA Card is a national card scheme developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA). It enables a disabled cinema guest to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema. It is available to anyone with a disability aged 8 or older. See website for eligibility details and how to claim. [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk)



### Challenging Behaviour Foundation

Provides information and support to help deal with challenging behaviour. Family Support Line: 0300 666 0126 [www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk](http://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk)

### Citizens Advice

Helps people to resolve legal monetary and other problems by providing free information and advice from Citizens Advice Bureau in over 3,200 locations and by influencing policy makers. Their website will have details of your local branch. [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)



### Disability Law Service

Fighting injustice for disabled people

### Disability Law Service

Provides advice on disability law, including special educational needs. [www.dls.org.uk](http://www.dls.org.uk)

### Disability Rights UK

Run by disabled people for disabled people. They produce a Disability Rights Handbook, advice and information about benefits, tax credits and social care. [www.disabilityrightsuk.org](http://www.disabilityrightsuk.org)



### Gov.uk

Comprehensive information about government services. Includes sections on disabled people and benefits. [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### IPSEA (Independent Parental Special Education Advice)

IPSEA is a national charity which helps children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities across England get the appropriate education, training and support which they are entitled to under the law. [www.ipsea.org.uk](http://www.ipsea.org.uk)



## Mencap

Help and support on all aspects of learning disability for both children and adults. Numerous factsheets available. Local services and projects operate in many areas.



Free telephone helpline: 0808 808 1111 Open 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday  
[www.mencap.org.uk](http://www.mencap.org.uk)



## Money Advice Service

A free independent, unbiased service on how to manage your money. Webchat service available. Open Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm  
Telephone: 0800 138 7777

[www.moneyadvice.org.uk](http://www.moneyadvice.org.uk)

## National Autistic Society

Provides information, support and pioneering services, and campaigns for a better world for people with autism.  
Telephone: 0808 800 4104  
[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)



## Turn2us

Helps people to find out what is available to them in benefits, grants and other financial help or funding

[www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)

## Social Services

Social services can be contacted through your local council. They can help with respite, funding supported living and residential care, and help with your caring needs.

**Your local authority** Can tell you more about what services are available in your area, including clubs for disabled people and groups for carers. Other parents of adults with special needs in your area are an invaluable source of information about local services and can be influential in campaigning for services for adults with special needs.

## PWSA UK

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[admin@pwsa.co.uk](mailto:admin@pwsa.co.uk)  
[www.pwsa.co.uk](http://www.pwsa.co.uk)

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**NHS Choices**  
Offers online information to aid making choices about health including specific conditions.  
[www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/pages/home.aspx)



**NHS 111**  
(England and Scotland only) NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and

mobile phones.  
<https://111.nhs.uk>



[www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk)



**NHS.uk**  
Health and social care—  
Northern Ireland  
<http://online.hscni.net/>



[www.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.scot.nhs.uk)

