



## Round-up of complex needs meeting (July 2023)

**Topic:** Open Discussion

### Points from discussion

One parent talked about her recent experience of her son having dental surgery and recommended resources found on [www.sheffkids.co.uk](http://www.sheffkids.co.uk). One of the things she particularly found helpful was templates for single page profiles. She also found the input of the learning disability nurses at Alder Hey incredibly helpful in ensuring the needs of her son, who has Down's syndrome and Autism, were fully considered. Another parent confirmed that they had also found the input from learning disability nurses helpful. A parent told us that an episode in the series 'Operation Ouch' (CBBC) had really helped her son prepare for a heart operation.

Another parent brought up a time when she had to remind doctors of the need to address information and questions towards her son rather than to her.

A parent raised concerns about her daughter's eyesight and felt that the local optometrist had struggle to test her eyes appropriately. Advice was given to contact the Helpline and to get in touch with Maggie Woodhouse.

There was a lengthy discussion around individual issues with adult social care, provision of services and managing budgets and the recommendation was to call the Helpline and speak to DSA's adult social care specialist.

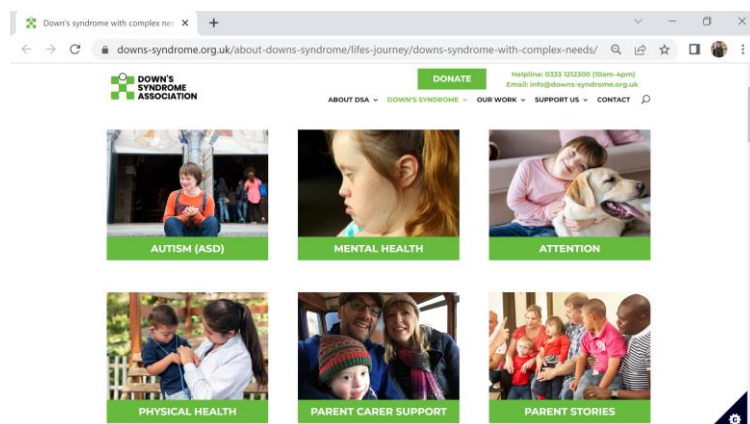
### COMING SOON – In-person complex needs meeting

Date for the diary: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September (10am to 3pm)

Venue: Central Manchester

If you are interested please email [jane.mitchell@downs-syndrome.org.uk](mailto:jane.mitchell@downs-syndrome.org.uk) or [stuart.mills@downs-syndrome.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mills@downs-syndrome.org.uk)

### DSA



**Complex needs webpage.**

<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/about-downs-syndrome/lifes-journey/downs-syndrome-with-complex-needs/>



## Link to training page with all events

<https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/our-work/services-projects/training/>

**Dual Diagnosis of Down's syndrome and Autism webinar**



 **Part two**

**6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am - Midday**

**Supporting well-being**  
of people who have Down's syndrome





**11<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 12.15**

## Listening Service

 **DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION**

**LISTENING SERVICE** 

**A SERVICE FOR PARENTS, PARENTS TO BE OR FAMILY CARERS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DOWN'S SYNDROME.**

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