

## Special needs Community Information Point - SCIP

SCIP is the database for children and young people aged birth to 25 years who have special needs or a disability and their families in Cambridgeshire.



This is a **free** service offered to families in **Cambridgeshire**.

### SCIP Database

SCIP is used to get information to families.

- Do you ever find yourself stuck and not know where to go to get information or advice?
- Do you find yourself out of the loop – everyone seems to have the information before you do!

SCIP may have the answer!

### Eligibility for SCIP – Families must live in Cambridgeshire

A child must have a disability or additional need which has a substantial and long-term negative effect on their ability to do normal daily activities, and have one or more of the following:

- Is classed as disabled by Cambridgeshire's Social Services
- Has a Statement of Educational Needs
- Receives Disability Living Allowance or PIP - either component
- Is confirmed as meeting the requirements by an appropriately qualified practitioner i.e. Paediatrician, Psychologist, etc.

A formal diagnosis is not needed. No referral is necessary.

### Email Network and Information Requests

SCIP provides information to families on events, activities, general information and much more. Families can request information from SCIP. If you need help to find a support group, a hairdresser who has experience of children with special needs; information on grants, transport, tutors, youth clubs in your area – anything – just ask and SCIP can help.

Through the SCIP Email Network you have easy access to a wealth of experience and knowledge.

### SCIP Card

The Card was developed following requests from families who on occasion need assistance while out with their child, especially where the condition is not visibly evident, when a child is likely to react to a situation such as loud noises or is in an uncomfortable situation and may react in a way that draws attention. It can be used as proof of disability/additional need for access to disabled toilets or where concessions are available for people with a disability. More information about the Card is available on the [website](#).

**You must join the SCIP Database to be eligible for a SCIP Card and to receive information through the Email Network.**

### Activity Passport

This booklet has been produced to help provide essential information about a child when they are going to an activity such as scouts, play schemes, organised activities, etc. The Passport can hold information about a child's medication, likes and dislikes, and emergency contacts. More information about the Activity Passport is available on the SCIP [website](#).

### To Join SCIP

If you would like to join SCIP and apply for a SCIP Card, please complete the online form here: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scip](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/scip)

*The Children Act of 1989 requires all County Councils to keep an up-to-date list of disabled children and young people in their areas. In Cambridgeshire SCIP was set up to do this.*

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

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