



Glossary of Terms

We understand that you often talk to many professionals that use abbreviations which can make understanding what they are saying, very confusing.

We want to help! Below is a table explaining what they mean, we hope it helps make things clearer. If you can think of any other shortened words that would be useful to others, please let us know; Local.offer@derby.gov.uk or **01332 640758**.

Acronym	What it means?
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder
ADHD	Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder
AS	Asperger syndrome
ASD	Autism
CAF	Common Assessment Framework
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service
CIC	Child in Care
CIN	Children in Need
COP	Code of Practice
DfE	Department for Education
DLA	Disability Living Allowance



EHA	Early Help Assessment
EHC	Education, Health and Care
EHCP	Education, Health and Care Plan
EIT	Early Intervention Team
EP	Educational Psychologist
EWO	Education Welfare Officer
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage
HI	Hearing Impairment
HV	Health Visitor
IEP	Individual Element Plan
IS	Independent Support
LA	Local Authority
LAC	Looked After Child
LDA	Learning and Disability Assessment
LO	Local Offer



MAT	Multi Agency Team
MLD	Moderate Learning Difficulties
OT	Occupational therapist
PALS	Patient Advice Liaison Service
PCSO's	Police Community Support Officers
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System
PR	Parental Responsibility
SALT or SLT or SPL	Speech and Language Therapy
SEND	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
SENCO	Special Educational Needs Coordinator
SENDIASS	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service
SENDIST	Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities Tribunal
SLD	Severe Learning Difficulty
STePS	Specialist Teaching and Psychology Service



TA	Teaching Assistant
TAC	Team Around the Child
TAF	Team Around the Family
VI	Visual Impairment
VLS	Vulnerable Learners Service
YOT	Youth Offending Team
YP	Young Person

