

About Autism Anglia

Autism Anglia was formed following the merger of the Essex Autistic Society, Norfolk Autistic Society and the Norfolk Autistic Community Housing Association (NACHA) in 2008.

The charity is dedicated to promoting the welfare, education and care of children and adults with autism, whilst also supporting the many families affected by autism.

We have over 40 years' experience in providing a range of services aimed at enabling people with autism to live as independently as possible and to experience choice and inclusion in society.

We are an independent charity and therefore rely on fundraising to help us establish, maintain and expand our services. If you would like to become a member of Autism Anglia, please call **01206 577678** or email info@autism-anglia.org.uk

We have also produced a number of other leaflets which you may find of interest. Please contact us for free copies.

Family Support

What is Autism?

What is Asperger Syndrome?

Information for Teachers & School Workers

Guidelines for the Police

Guidelines for Health Professionals

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Autism Anglia is very proud to have produced an **Autism Alert Card** in conjunction with our local police forces.

The card is supported by Essex Police, Suffolk and Norfolk Constabularies, Bedfordshire Police and Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Constabularies.

If you or a person you know has been diagnosed as having an Autism Spectrum Condition you can apply for the FREE alert card.

The card will alert the police and emergency services that the person carrying the card has a condition that may require special attention.

See inside for how to apply.

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Autism Alert Card

How to apply for your **FREE** alert card



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Do you or does someone you know have an Autism Spectrum Condition?

If so, you may have already been in a position where you have had to explain the nature of autism and its associated behaviours.

Our credit card sized **Autism Alert Card** can be carried at all times and can be displayed if you find yourself in a situation where you cannot easily give an explanation about the condition.

It will also assist the police and emergency services to identify that they are dealing with someone who has autism.

The card also gives some simple advice, the cardholder's name and space for two emergency contact details.

I have an Autism Spectrum Condition

This means:

- I have social communication difficulties.
- I am likely to be extremely anxious in unfamiliar situations.
- My behaviour may appear strange or threatening.
- I will need the support of an appropriate adult / intermediary.

My name is _____ Card No. _____

Contact _____ Tel _____

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“We use the card when we go out on trips. It has improved our confidence as parents to go out and about more frequently”



In addition to the card, Autism Anglia provides information, advice and training to the police and other emergency services to give them a better understanding of autism. The information we provide is informative and gives practical advice for realistic situations.

100% of people already issued with a card said that they would recommend it to others

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If you or someone you know would like a card you can request an application form by....

Calling 01206 577678

Emailing alertcard@autism-anglia.org.uk

Visiting www.autism-anglia.org.uk to download an application form

Your card will then be sent to you as soon as possible. Please note that we do require formal proof of diagnosis before we can issue a card.

Proof includes:

- **Diagnosis Letter**
- **Statement of Special Educational Needs**
- **Letter from a professional eg. Doctor / Social Worker**
- **Medical Report or Assessment**

Although the cards are free, there is a £1.00 fee for any replacement cards.

Our Family Support team can also offer information, support and guidance to families, individuals, carers and professionals on a range of autism related issues.



The card carries Autism Anglia's logo as well as the local police force crests so they will be easily identifiable to the emergency services.

We are delighted that we can offer this card free of charge and help raise awareness of autism amongst the public and emergency services.