



NEWS

July 2023

Welcome to our 'Discover You' Therapeutic Suite, July 2023.
Sneyd, Vernon Way, Bloxwich, WS3 2PA



Welcome

We are now a little over a month into welcoming service users to our new suite at Sneyd in Bloxwich.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support.

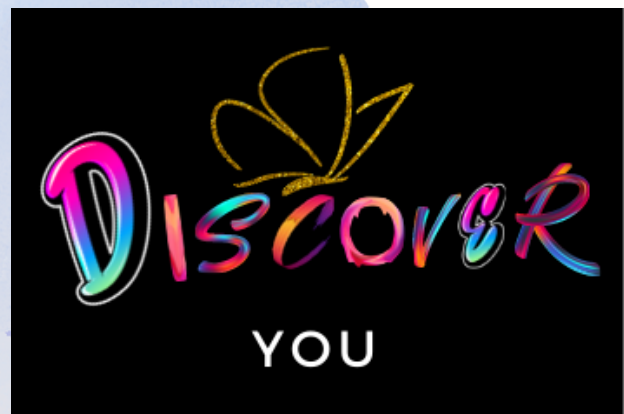


Our play and activity based pathway

Our play and activity based pathway, has been created by United Support Group CIC using the knowledge, skills and experience of our health play specialist.

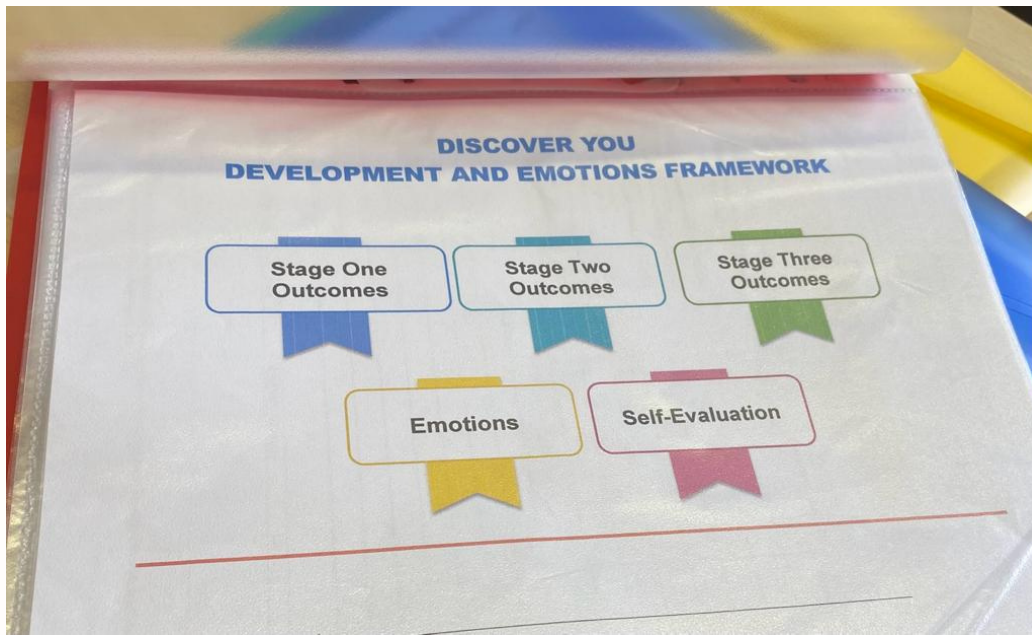
Traditionally a HPS would be employed in a Children's Hospital, or acute children's ward, and would provide therapeutic and normal play opportunities for hospitalised children up to 18 years old.

We are delighted to be promoting and extending the role of the HPS, in supporting children and adults, diagnosed with a condition affecting development in a community setting.



Supporting Emotions & Neurodiverse Diagnosis (SE & ND)
Promising you positive support for diagnosis and beyond

Our Social and Emotional Development Framework



Our framework focuses on three developmental outcomes, before moving onto emotions work and self evaluations.

The Development framework has targets for cognitive, social, emotional, language and physical development, including fine motor skills. Regular observations are carried out by practitioners, to ensure targets are being reached and that steady progress is being made.

Participants then move on to emotional development work, self evaluating their own social and emotional development.

Consultants and Practitioners carry out session records to evaluate how each activity went. Staff are guided by the participants interests and knowledge. This allows a foundation of learning through the participants own interests.

Our referral process, for prospective participants and for professionals

'Discover You' is a post diagnosis pathway.

All participants must have some form of diagnosis affecting normal development, to qualify for a funded place on the 'Discover You' Project.

These can include, but are not limited to;

Global Developmental Delay
Autism Spectrum Condition
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
Learning Disability
Chromosomal Abnormalities
Speech and Language Delay
Pathological Demand Avoidance
Neurological Conditions
Brain Injury
Sensory Processing Condition

We are based at Sneyd Community Association on Tuesdays between 9:30am and 7pm offering appointments for both one to one support and group sessions for children, young people and adults.

If you do not attend your scheduled appointment you will be placed on a waiting list for when an appointment becomes available. This is because we have limited spaces available and unattended appointments cause delays and disruption to our services and participant progression.

What evidence would need to be seen?

A letter of diagnosis

A report by a Speech And Language Therapist

A SENCO report indicating consistent development delay
(Child consistently working below targets)

A report from an Educational Psychologist

A letter from a Paediatrician or GP

Reports included in a child's EHCP demonstrating developmental delay.



Who can make a referral ?

A parent or carer

An Adult over 16 who has a relevant diagnosis

General Practitioner

Community Paediatrician

Social Worker/Early Help Practitioner

Speech and Language Therapist

Educational Psychologist

School Special Educational Needs Coordinator

A Psychologist who has diagnosed a child or adult.

To make a referral email

Lisa D Jeffs
SEND Consultant

Email: lisa@unitedsupportgroup.co.uk

Please include;

Name of child or young person

Date of Birth

Address

A contact telephone number and email

Nature of diagnosis

Date when diagnosed.

Adults over 18 with a diagnosis can self refer

Please ensure when making a referral that you include your own details, so that we know who has made the referral.



SEND Consultant Nominated and Shortlisted for Award



United Support Group's SEND Consultant, Lisa Jeffs has been nominated and shortlisted for the 11th Community Inspiration Awards.

The nomination for the Volunteer Award Category, is in recognition of her time spent volunteering time and experience, as a Hospital Play Specialist, supporting Children, Adults and Families experiencing Conditions affecting Development, in the West Midlands. The many hours voluntarily contributed by Lisa, has enabled our Post Diagnosis Pathway to be created, which has been fully funded by The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

Voting for the Community Inspiration Awards has now closed, with the winners being announced at an Awards Ceremony on September 8th, 2023. We wish Lisa the very best of luck.

Big Thank You To Asda Foundation

United Support Group CIC, would like to extend our most grateful thanks to ASDA's Community Champion Micheala in Bloxwich, for their very kind donation of refreshments, for our families attending appointments at our Neurodiversity Suite. We would also like to congratulate her on her recent community award.

The ASDA Foundation have also awarded a small grant to 'The Discover You Suite', for Sensory Equipment to be purchased, so that we can create a Sensory Area. We are very excited to be able to purchase this equipment and we know it will be very well used and loved.

WATCH THIS SPACE

Welcome to our new SEND Practitioner, Louise Hoyer

**MEET
OUR TEAM**

LISA JEFFS
SEND CONSULTANT

LOUISE HOYE
SEND Practitioner

DEBBIE KING
Project Officer

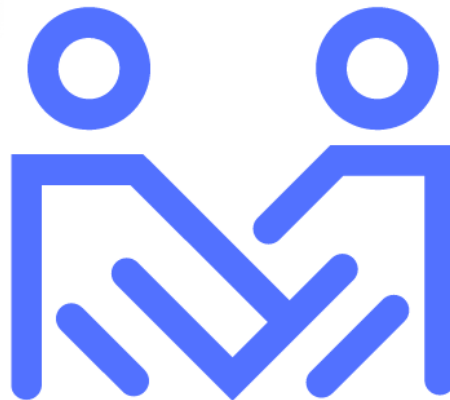
ANN MARIE FROST
Project Manager

DIANE SMITH
Play Leader

We are delighted to welcome our new
SEND Practitioner Louise Hoyer.

Louise is a qualified and experienced Practitioner, who will work
alongside our SEND Consultant Lisa Jeffs.

New Project 'More than Words' starts in Erdington, Birmingham.



MORE THAN WORDS

SUPPORTING THE NEURODIVERSE
COMMUNITY INTO EMPLOYMENT

A new project 'More than words' supporting autistic people to access education, training and employment has begun in Erdington supporting Birmingham/Solihull residents.

The More Than Words Project, funded by the Landau Trust and All Age Autism Support Services, runs from St Barnabas Church in Erdington every Friday.

For information and referrals, contact

Ann Marie Frost or Debbie King
Project Officers

ann@unitedsupportgroup.co.uk debbie@unitedsupportgroup.co.uk



Do you have a diagnosis/self identify as autistic?

Are you aged between 18 and 49 and live in Birmingham/Solihull?

MORE THAN WORDS

Can support you with the following:

Group sessions on a range of topics to develop your skills

Parent/Carer Support

Create a CV

Job search support

Social Support Groups

Job applications

One to One Support

Interview Skills

PLUS MUCH MORE



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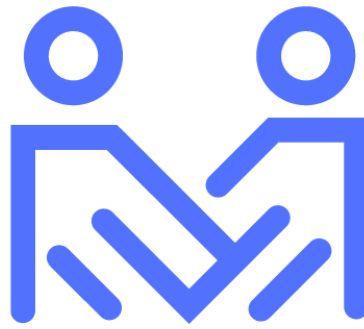


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St Barnabas Church, High Street, Erdington, B23 6SJ





MORE THAN WORDS
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"More than Words" is a project funded by All Age Autism, Landau to support people who either have a diagnosis of or self identify as autistic. The aim of the project is to support individuals to develop their skills to access opportunities for education/training and employment.

United Support Group CIC based in Walsall offer support services to children, young people and adults with neurodevelopmental conditions and have created this brand new project to support individuals between the ages of 18 and 49 living in Birmingham/Solihull to have access to support to increase confidence and build skills for employment.

www.aaadirectory.co.uk

Search 'More Than Words'

Complete the form with your name and email address and we will do the rest

'Find us on the AAA Grant Awardees Page or call us'

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Summer Activities



1st August 2023 10am till 11:30am
Parent/Carer Support Group

8th August 2023 10am till 11:30am
Adult Participant Support Group

One to One Therapeutic Play activity
appointments are available to book

Group Therapeutic Play activity sessions
are available to book throughout August

Get in touch to book your session

NOW



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