

# 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](mailto:Local.Offer@derby.gov.uk) or **01332 643616**.

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



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



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



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

