

Supporting Children, Young People and Families

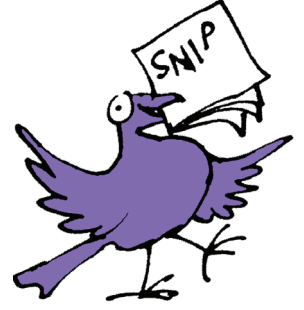
SNIP in Fife

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What is SNIP?

SNIP is a voluntary organisation based at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh. It is managed by a committee of parents of children/young people, with additional support needs, and professionals. Most of the staff at SNIP are parents of disabled children.

SNIP has a base in Fife, at the Carers' Centre in Kirkcaldy. Three Information & Advocacy Workers provide an outreach service to families in a variety of settings.

What does SNIP do?

There are three main areas of our work :

- Giving information, advice and support to children and young people, their families and the professionals who work with them
- Providing training for people who work with children and families
- Talking to people who run services about what families need

What can SNIP do for me?

SNIP can offer you emotional support to deal with how you might be feeling and on a practical level we can help you to manage better some of the tasks that you have, such as

- Preparing for meetings about your child
- Writing letters or reports about your child
- Applying for funding and benefits
- Talking to professionals about the support your child receives

We can also provide information about things that might be affecting your child's learning, such as

- their impairment
- learning difficulties
- life events like bereavement or family breakdown

Other things we can provide include

- Advice about accessing play, leisure and sport activities for your child/young person
- Groups that might offer support with the chance to meet other parents

Providing advocacy

All parents have to deal with a range of issues relating to their children, however, when your child is disabled, has extra support needs or is ill you may have an added set of worries and responsibilities. Some of these responsibilities require you to be very organised and to become involved with processes and systems which can be unfamiliar and complicated.

You may find that a situation to do with your child is too difficult to manage on your own, and that you find things that you can ordinarily manage feel challenging. This can be depressing and frustrating for you. SNIP can offer a particular type of support when situations with your child feel stressful. This is called advocacy, and SNIP offers two kinds of advocacy.

Self-advocacy

This is when you are supported to feel more confident to speak for yourself.

Independent professional advocacy

This is when a worker speaks on your behalf about your issues and concerns with other professionals such as doctors, social workers and teachers. The worker must be trained in advocacy and have your informed consent to speak for you.

With both kinds of advocacy SNIP Information & Advocacy workers will:

- listen to you
- ask you questions about your situation and identify with you what your priorities are
- identify what steps you wish to take

If you decide that you want SNIP to speak on your behalf and advocate for you then we can discuss how to take that forward.

We have a leaflet about this service called 'SNIP advocacy' that we can send to you. You can also call us to talk about this service.



How can I contact SNIP?

- Our helpline - **0131 536 0583** - is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. We will call you back to save on your phone bill. Messages can be left on the answering machine at all other times - we aim to return your call within 5 working days.
- You can arrange an appointment with a worker by calling the helpline number above.
- You can email us at **snip@btinternet.com**
- By post to : SNIP, Freepost SCO5846, Edinburgh EH9 0BR
- Textphone - 0131 536 0360

With your permission, any professional working with your family can also ask us to contact you directly.

We also give talks to parents at Child Development Centres, Nurseries and Schools. If you belong to a group and would like to hear about our services, we would be happy to come and meet with you.

What if I don't have a particular question?

Part of our service is to be a 'listening ear' for parents, so don't worry if you aren't sure how we can help you. We are happy to listen and have a chat.

Membership of SNIP

You might want to become a SNIP member. Members get our regular newsletter and can attend and vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Enquiry form

If you have an enquiry for SNIP, please complete this form and post it to the following address :

SNIP, Freepost SCO5846, Edinburgh EH9 0BR

This will be passed to the SNIP team in Fife.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

(Please tick) Are you:

Parent / Carer Student Voluntary organisation

Professional Which field? _____

Other

What is the child's name? _____

How old is he/she? _____

How can SNIP help you? _____

How did you hear about SNIP? _____

Membership form

Please return this form using our Freepost address (shown overleaf).

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

How did you hear about SNIP? _____

I would like to receive my newsletter in the following format:

Standard print Large print Braille Tape

My own language _____

Are you interested in joining the SNIP committee? Yes / No

Please note that members details are held securely on computer. SNIP is an authorised data controller under the terms of the Data Protection legislation.

Membership is **free** for parents and there is a one-off joining fee of £10 for professionals.

You can get this document on tape, in Braille, large print and different computer formats. Please phone SNIP on 0131 536 0360 if you would like this leaflet in an alternative format.