

ADULT RELATED-
Terms linked to people who work with the child

Abbreviation	What is it?	What does it mean?
CAMHS	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	Provides multidisciplinary mental health services to children and young people with mental health problems and disorders.
ELSA	Emotional Literacy Support Assistant	Provides specialist and additional emotional and pastoral support to pupils.
EP	Educational Psychologist	Support schools and the local authority to improve all children's experiences of learning. They use their training in psychology and knowledge of child development to assess difficulties children may be having with their learning.
EPS	Education Psychology Service	A multi-disciplinary service working with children and young people from birth to 25, who are experiencing a range of challenges.
EWO	Education Welfare Officer	Employed by the LA to make sure that children are getting the education they need. They deal with school attendance.
HLTA	Higher Level Teaching Assistant	An experienced teaching assistant who plans and delivers learning activities under the direction of a teacher, and assesses, records and reports on pupils' progress.
LA	Local Authority	The Local Authority is responsible for providing education and for making education, health and care assessments and maintaining Education, Health & Care Plans.
LSA/TA	Learning Support Assistant/Teaching Assistant	Non-Teaching support staff who work with children in the classroom.
OT	Occupational Therapist	Assess how to maximise and maintain individual independence in everyday living skills. They can advise on aids, equipment or home/school adaptations.
PRU	Pupil Referral Unit	A type of school that caters for children who are not able to attend a mainstream school.
PT	Physiotherapist	A physiotherapist is concerned with the gross motor skills and mobility of a child.
SALT	Speech and Language Therapist	Assesses children's speech, language and communication needs.
SENDCo	Special Education Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator	The SENDCo is the person responsible for co-ordinating the provision for all children with special educational needs within a school.
PIMST	Physical Impairment and Medical Support Team	The PIMST is part of the SPOT (Sensory, Physical and Occupational Therapy) service, SEND & Inclusion support Somerset. The PIMST works with children and young people (C&YP) from birth up to 25 years old (post 16 C&YP will receive support in educational setting only with EHCP).
SPOT	Sensory, Physical and Occupational Therapy	A multi-disciplinary service that includes hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapy services.
MAISEY	Multi Agency Identification and support in the Early Years.	A multi-agency team that includes a variety of representatives from EP, OT, SaLT, Paediatrician, Area SENCo, Health Visitor, Portage services. These meet to plan the support for children in Early Years.
EY Area SENCo	Early Years Area SENCo	An Area SENCo is an experienced EY practitioner who supports staff in planning support for children in Early Years. They attend Maisey meetings and will discuss the children they support (after completing an EHA) to ensure multi-agency support
EHA	Early Help Assessment	The Early Help Assessment (EHA) is a simple, easy to use assessment, which captures all of a child/young person's and family's needs at the earliest opportunity, and with consent. It is a shared tool which can be used by all agencies in Somerset who are delivering early help in a co-ordinated way, so that they understand and respond to the needs of children/young people.