World Autism Awareness Week

1st - 7th April 2019

Daisy Chain
A haven for families affected by autism

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), often referred to as autism, is a lifelong neuro-developmental disorder that affects the way a person communicates with and relates to other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them. Autism is a spectrum disorder meaning each individual will be affected in different ways across all abilities, strengths, difficulties and intelligence.

Although each individual is affected to varying degrees, they all share key areas of difference: social communication, social interaction, social imagination and sensory processing differences.

Often individuals go undiagnosed, sometimes even into adulthood, as those on the spectrum do not "look" disabled or different to their peers. Parents have said that family members or the public often say "your child is naughty" as the difficulties are not easy to see. Adults have also explained how they feel misunderstood.

Everyone with autism can benefit from a timely diagnosis & access to appropriate services and support.

- **Daisy Chain supports over 2,300 families across the local area**
- **We provided 4,936 respite sessions over the last year**
- **Daisy Chain supports 40 adults with autism each week**

"It's frightening when you get dealt this life changing news and you have no idea what to do. I don't know what we would have done without Daisy Chain..." *Parent of a child with autism*

For more information on services, how to get involved or to support us, visit www.daisychainproject.co.uk

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