

Areas Of Need

Education

The four broad categories used to organise special educational needs, and their limits.

Broad groupings, widely used in England and echoed elsewhere.

Area	Includes
Communication and interaction	Speech, language, autism
Cognition and learning	Specific and general learning needs
Social, emotional, mental health	Regulation, anxiety, attachment
Sensory and physical	Vision, hearing, mobility

Educational reference only, not diagnostic guidance. Most pupils with needs span more than one area, and the categories describe support,