



Assessment for Specific Learning Difficulties

If you have been advised to book an assessment for a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia, you can choose to book the assessment with an educational psychologist or specialist teacher.

Specialist teachers should have a Postgraduate Diploma in Specific Learning Difficulties and an assessment Practising Certificate. Educational psychologists should have current HCPC registration.

The cost of assessment will generally be from £350 to £600, but can sometimes be below or above this. To explore the possibility of reimbursement towards the cost, please see the below link to the Success For All Fund:

<https://www.exeter.ac.uk/financialhelp/>

Booking an assessment

Wellbeing Services does not recommend any particular educational psychologist or specialist teacher. However, we are able to provide you with the details of some of the suitably qualified practitioners in and around the Exeter area.

Covid-19 and Evaluations of Need

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions affecting access to face-to-face assessment, some practitioners are offering an **Evaluation of Need**, which is a fully remote assessment. Although this doesn't provide a diagnosis, it will enable practitioners to identify areas of difficulty and the reports will meet the University's requirements for the provision of support for the duration of a student's studies. Student Finance are also currently accepting the evaluation reports for those students who wish to apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA).

Please contact the individual practitioners to query whether they are currently offering the evaluation as an option.

Please note: the evaluations are being offered until the 31st March 2021.

Educational Psychologists

- Michael Biddulph
www.dyslexia-services.com
- Dyslexia4Adults
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Specialist teachers

- Pamela Chisholm
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- Zarah Chisholm
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- Dyslexia South West
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- Sally Simmons – Dragonfly Dyslexia
<https://www.dragonflydyslexiasomerset.co.uk/>
dragonflydyslexiasomerset@gmail.com, 0798 3714033
- My Kind of Thinking (Dorset and Hampshire)
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Additional information

Please see the link to Patoss who provide a list of assessors/specialist tutors available across the UK:

<https://www.patoss-dyslexia.org/Tutor-Index-Landing>

Please also see the British Psychological Society list of Chartered Psychologists:

www.bps.org.uk/bpslegacy/dcp

There are also many dyslexia centres throughout the UK that can provide assessments, some of which can be found in this link:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

After your assessment

Book an appointment with AccessAbility

When you have had the assessment, please [make an appointment to see an AccessAbility Advisor](#) to ensure that support, such as exams adjustments, can be put in place for your studies. Please be aware that [exam adjustment deadlines](#) apply.

It is helpful if you can email your diagnostic report to us before your appointment at accessability@exeter.ac.uk.

Apply for Disabled Students' Allowances (DSA)

On the basis of a diagnosis, you may also be eligible to apply for the Disabled Students' Allowances. Please see the link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/disabled-students-allowances-dsas>



Questions?

Please email accessability@exeter.ac.uk or call us on 01392 723880 if you have any questions.