

Dyslexia Support

If you think you might be dyslexic or have a specific learning difference (SpLD) there is lots of support available to you.

As a first step please book an appointment with the Study Development Team through the Student Information Desk in Holgate Student Centre (01904 876477).

The Study Development Team offer interactive workshops, a range of self-help resources and 1:1 tutorials, covering areas such as: critical thinking and writing, active reading strategies, effective note making, and dealing with deadlines. The Study Development Team can also provide support while you are waiting for an assessment of need and/or funding for your support to be approved.

You may wish to undertake dyslexia screening; there are several online screening tools available including:

- QuickScan www.studyscan.com
- British Dyslexia Association www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/screening

Please be aware that there is a fee to use these online screening tools.

In addition you may wish to speak to a Disability Adviser.

If you undertake a screening or have any questions about support please attend a Disability Advice Team drop in through the Student Information Desk in Holgate Student Centre.

A Disability Adviser will discuss with you the various support options available to help you build the skills to succeed at university which may include:

- A formal assessment with an Educational Psychologist, which will identify your strengths and weaknesses. Please note you will need to book the appointment and cover the cost of the assessment. If you would like the assessment to take place on campus please contact EGS. The current cost is £289
- Students not in receipt of DSA can create an individual learning pathway with a Study Development Tutor.
- ILS additional services, including equipment loans.
- Assistive Technology and training.

More information can be found about the above services on www.yorks.ac.uk

Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs)

Once you have had a full assessment with an Educational Psychologist you may be eligible for additional funding to help with your studies. Disabled Students' Allowances (DSAs) are grants which can be used to pay for this additional support.

If you need help applying for DSA please book an appointment with a Disability Adviser through the Student Information Desk in Holgate Student Centre or come to a daily drop in.

Please see website for drop in times.

THE DSA PROCESS – MADE SIMPLE!

GET YOUR MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Stage 1 - Application

Medical evidence can be a letter from your GP or consultant, outlining your condition/disability and how it affects you. If you have a specific learning difference (SpLD) then you will need a post-16 report from a Educational Psychologist or a suitably qualified specialist tutor holding a current Assessment Practising Certificate. Contact Disability Advice to check if you have relevant medical evidence.

COMPLETE AND SEND OFF A DSA FORM

Complete a DSA form available online from your funding body or from the Disability Advice Team. Send the form with your medical evidence to your funding body. If you need help completing the DSA form, please book to see a Disability Adviser.

WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOUR FUNDING BODY

Your funding body will contact you by e-mail and/or letter, telling you to arrange a needs assessment. In the meantime please ensure you have booked an appointment with the Study Development Team.

BOOK A NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Stage 2 - Needs Assessment Stage

Contact your nearest needs assessment centre and book an appointment. You can find details of your nearest assessment centre at www.dsa-qag.org.uk. There is a centre on the York St John campus.

E: accesscentre@yorks.j.ac.uk | T: 01904 876542

ATTEND THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

You will discuss your support needs with an assessor. They will ask about your disability/condition, previous support, your university course and what sort of support you will need. The needs assessor may demonstrate software to show you some assistive technology. The assessment may take up to two hours.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT SENT TO FUNDING BODY

Your assessor will write up a needs assessment report which will contain recommendations for support and equipment. After you've checked this, the report will be sent to your funding body.

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Stage 3 - Getting Support in Place

Your funding body will contact you, by e-mail and/or letter, with details of the support they will fund, based on your needs assessment.

CONTACT SUPPLIER TO ORDER EQUIPMENT

If you are entitled to equipment and/or training, you will need to contact the supplier(s) to arrange delivery and send them a copy of your entitlement letter. The details of the supplier will be in the letter from your funding body.

RECEIVE SUPPORT

If you have been recommended any nonmedical helper support please contact the provider to arrange delivery. The details of the provider will be in the letter from your funding body. Please make an appointment with your Disability Adviser if you require any guidance with arranging this support.