# Terms and Abbreviations Used in Relation to Special Educational Needs

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<td>Augmentative and Alternative Communication</td>
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<td>Area Resource Base</td>
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<td>Autistic Spectrum Disorder(s)</td>
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<td>Behavioural, Emotional and Social Development</td>
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<td>Consultant Community Paediatrician</td>
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<td>DAMP</td>
<td>Deficits in Attention, Motor control and Perception</td>
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<td>Disabled Facilities Grant</td>
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<td>EAL</td>
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<td>IQ</td>
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<td>MAKATON</td>
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