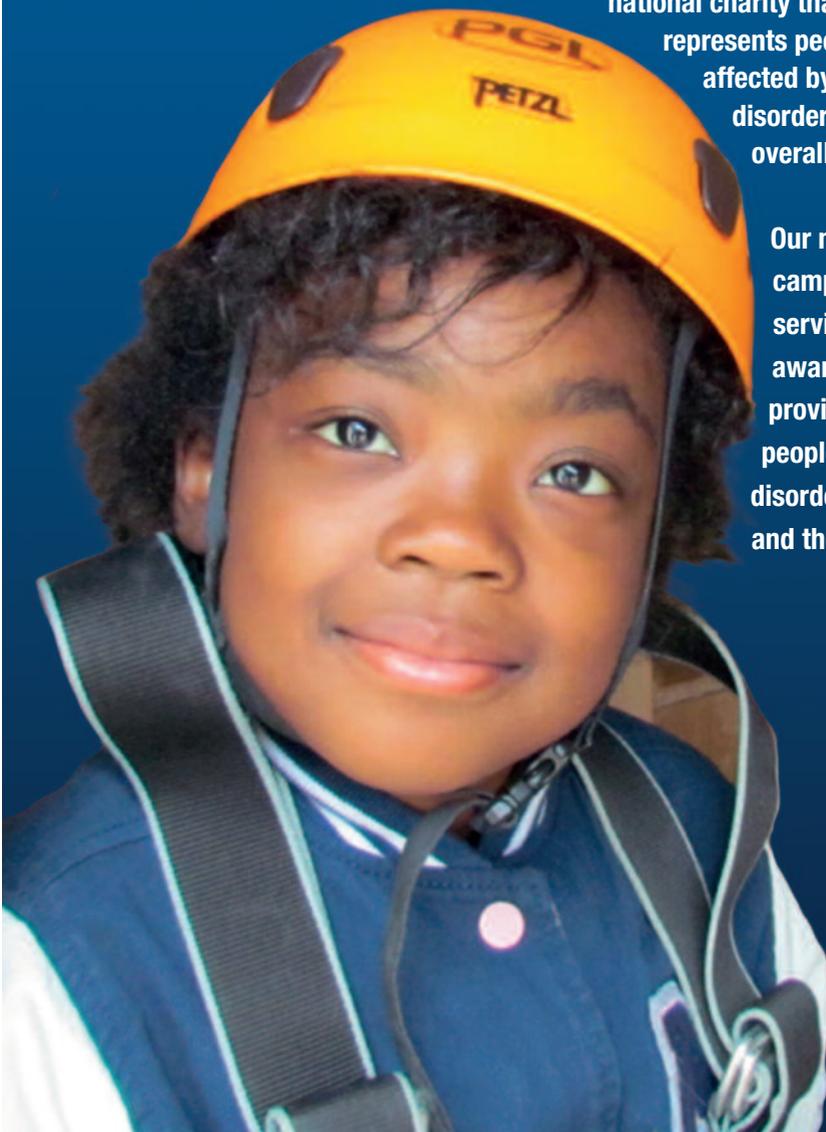


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The Sickle Cell Society is the UK's only national charity that supports and represents people and families affected by sickle cell disorder to improve their overall quality of life.

Our mission is to campaign for better services, raise awareness and provide information for people with sickle cell disorder, sickle cell trait and their families.



WE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

Helpline

The helpline service provides confidential information, guidance, and emotional support to individuals and families affected by sickle cell disorder living within the UK.

We understand that sickle cell disorders uniquely affect people, and can manifest into a range of further conditions. We also understand that a sickle cell disorder affects the wider social support network. That's why we support any individual affected by sickle cell disorder, as well as family members, friends, employers, teachers and healthcare professionals. Some of the topics we cover include:

- ★ Managing a sickle cell disorder
- ★ Social and welfare issues
- ★ Health and education provision
- ★ Housing and benefits entitlement
- ★ Employment support
- ★ Emotional support
- ★ Advocacy
- ★ Accessing services
- ★ Signposting to external agencies and support groups

You can contact us by emailing helpline@sicklecellsociety.org or calling the helpline on **020 8963 7794** (Monday-Friday excluding bank holidays, 10am-5pm).





Children's Activities

We offer an exciting Children's Activities Programme for children and teens living with sickle cell disorders and their siblings. These activities are mainly on Saturdays and in the school holidays and are based in Greater London, though children living outside of London are welcome to attend. All activities are specially tailored to children with sickle cell disorder and are a perfect way for children to meet new friends, build confidence and have fun. The activities are free for children to attend from the age of 5-16 years. Examples of some of our children's activities are: Zorb Ball, Climbing, Pottery Making, Steel Drumming, Pizza Making, Science Museum Trip, Kidzania, Stop Motion Animation and more.

Children's Holidays

Each year, we take children with sickle cell on a specially-tailored holiday where they can make friends, learn more about managing their condition and have loads of fun! The holiday is free and is run by staff, volunteers and health professionals are on hand to meet your child's medical needs. The holiday is for children aged 8-16 years old.

For more information about children's activities or children's holidays, contact Sickle Cell Society helpline or you can contact us at

www.sicklecellsociety.org/childrens-activities/

Membership

The Sickle Cell Society is a patient led organisation; our work is to benefit and improve the overall quality of life for patients as well as support those that are caring for them. The Society's membership is open to all individuals who are aged 18 years and above, health professionals/organisations, corporate organisations and the general public. Membership to the Sickle Cell Society is now free.

Membership entitles you to the following:

- ★ The right to vote at the annual general meeting which takes place July each year
- ★ Regular newsletter to keep you abreast of national developments including policy service development, research, treatment and ongoing management of the condition
- ★ Invitation to attend our free events so you can hear firsthand of the work being done nationally and giving you the opportunity to network with others in similar circumstances
- ★ Signposting to sources of support including information, advice and advocacy
- ★ Involvement with patient and carer focus groups related to research and development in to sickle cell disorder

To become a member please follow this link:

www.sicklecellsociety.org/membership/ or call the helpline and ask to be registered as a member.

Other Services

We may run projects in your area which is dependent on funding that we receive. You can contact the helpline to see if we have any services in your area.

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