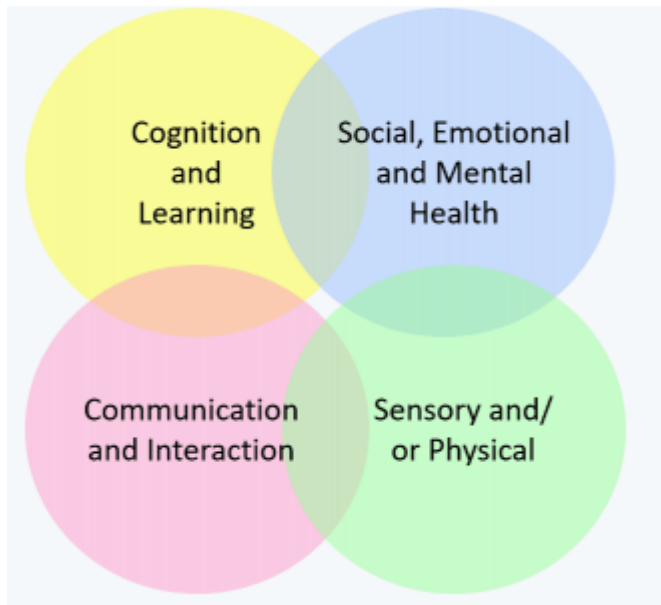


Areas of need

The four broad areas of need: -



The Department for Education has identified four broad areas which cover a range of needs. These are defined in the [SEND Code of Practice January 2015.pdf](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))

1. **Communication and interaction**

Where children and young people have speech, language and communication difficulties which make it difficult for them to make sense of language or to understand how to communicate effectively and appropriately with others.

Children and young people with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder, including Asperger's Syndrome, are likely to have particular difficulties with social interaction.

2. **Cognition and learning**

Where children and young people learn at a slower pace than others their age, they may:

- have difficulty in understanding parts of the curriculum.
- have difficulties with organisation and memory skills.
- have a specific difficulty affecting one particular part of their learning such as in literacy or numeracy.