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Survey reveals ADHD shock

CAMPAIGNERS say a new survey reveals nine out of 10 parents of children said to have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in eastern England are receiving inadequate support.

The survey, undertaken by national ADHD support group Adders, interviewed parents via online questionnaires.

According to the survey, in the east of England 76% of parents considered it “very difficult to impossible” to receive any help.

Caroline Hensby, founder of Adders.org, mother of a son with ADHD, and a sufferer herself said: “The results of this survey are staggering. They confirm that parents are desperately seeking but not receiving help in many areas, including behaviour management therapy, ADHD coaching, and specific parenting skills courses.

“The prevalence of ADHD and the lack of support regarding the disorder is a real problem, and one that needs to be addressed.”

The group says Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder affects approximately 5% of UK children.

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