

Information about Social Care and Occupational Therapy Services for Disabled Children



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We are an Integrated Child Development and Disability service with professionals from Health, Social care and Education. The majority of our services are based at Seaside View Child Development Centre. This means that assessments and relevant information are shared across professionals to ensure that we coordinate our help to children and families. Some of our family support services are spread across the city in different locations as outlined below.

Who We Are

We have a range of services which are focused primarily on supporting families to care for their children where possible within their home in their local community. We have close links with Amaze and they are fully involved in service developments. If you have any comments or questions please contact us directly or Amaze on (01273) 772289

The present criteria Children's Disability Social Care and Occupational Therapy Service is for

“children with severe and learning disability and or physical disability and children with moderate learning difficulties where it is assessed that their needs in terms of challenging behaviour/mental health issues can only be met through the input of specialist services”

– for example any child who attends Hillside or Downs

View Schools. Children who attend other schools may also be eligible for support from our service if it is felt that their needs require specialist support. We have limited support services available and wherever possible we try to help disabled children access mainstream inclusive services.

The families of children with sensory needs, such as hearing loss or sight impairment should make contact with the Sensory Services Team.

The Child Development and Disability Service provides support, advice and practical help to disabled children and young people and their families. We work closely with colleagues in Health and Education and in partnership with families to plan the most appropriate services.

We also have contracts with voluntary agencies and provide financial support to enable services to be provided by them for example Amaze, Crossroads, and Extratime.

We aim to provide a service that does not discriminate on the grounds of race / gender / sexuality. We recognise that there can be many forms of prejudice and that for some families this can create additional stress. We strive to achieve equal opportunities for all disabled children and young people.

The Social Work /Occupational Therapy Team: (01273) 295151/2

This team is based at Seaside View Child Development Centre.

We have a duty Social Worker/ Duty Occupational Therapist daily :

Monday am

Tuesday pm

Wednesday am

Thursday pm

Friday am

In order to receive a service from any of the support services outlined in this leaflet you can either contact us directly or you can ask a professional involved with you and your family to refer on your behalf. When we receive a referral we carry out an assessment of your child's needs which takes into account their overall circumstances.

We liaise, with your permission, with other professionals involved with your family and we try not to ask you for information you have already given to another professional. This assessment is then taken to the multi-agency resource panel where we try to allocate resources as fairly and as effectively as possible.

Sometimes families have more than one disabled child or the carer may have particular needs. We have a duty to consider the needs of brothers and sisters of disabled children particularly if they are undertaking a caring role.

As far as possible we consult directly with disabled children and young people who should always remain at the heart of all planning.

We work in partnership with parents and carers to consider what services are best for their child and we also look at how they are managing as carers because we recognise that looking after a disabled child can put families under pressure. Our aim is to provide services that will help families to care for their children in their own communities. We know that children and young people tell us that they want to stay living at home leading normal lives and as far as possible this is what we try to achieve.

Once we have completed an assessment, which you will be fully involved with, you will be asked to sign this to show that you agree with it. You will be encouraged to contribute to the assessment and it should identify the needs of all family members and highlight things that are working well together with areas where additional support may be needed.

We also work with Presens, the preschool service based at Jean Saunders. Here you will find a range of day care and Outreach services to support children in early years settings. For more information you can contact Jean Saunders directly on (01273) 294944.

Outreach/Direct Payments/Cherish (01273) 295153

Outreach based at 55 Drove Road, Portslade, provides a family support service. Workers provide disabled children and young people with individual support, enabling them to access social, leisure and recreation opportunities in their local community.



Direct Payments can provide parents of a disabled child, or disabled young people aged 16 – 18, with cash to buy in services directly. An Advice Service is available to support families in managing the Direct Payments scheme.

Cherish provides two term time Youth Clubs for learning disabled teenagers ages 12 – 19 as well as Easter and summer holiday clubs. Parents may self refer or Cherish can receive referrals from professionals. Cherish also provides a term time Club for Young Adults aged 19 – 25.

Residential Services

We believe that most children are best cared for within their families in the local community so that they can go to local schools and be cared for by local health services.

We try to work with families so that residential care is not necessary, however, sometimes short breaks or residential care are an important source of support.

Choice and independence, social and leisure opportunities are actively promoted for all young people in our care.

The residential choices for a child or young person will include:

Brighton & Hove Link Plus (Family Based Care) (01273) 295179

Link Plus is a partnership between Brighton & Hove Children and Young People's Trust and Barnardos, based at 55 Drove Road, Portslade. The service offers short breaks including day care, overnight and holiday care with specialist foster-carers who are recruited and trained to work with disabled children and young people.

You can access the service via the specialist social work team if a child is severely disabled or moderate disability with challenging behaviour/ mental health needs. All referrals for children with a moderate disability should go via mainstream social work services in the first instance.

Residential care which is not family based is only considered

for children aged ten and over and all referrals to this service come via the Social Work Team at Seaside View Child Development Centre.

Tudor House (01273) 296190

Tudor House in Withdean Court Avenue, Brighton, is a residential home for up to four young people who have severe learning disabilities and who may also have physical disabilities.



The staff team works closely with parents and other agencies to set clear aims for each child.

Drove Road (01273) 295158

Drove Road is located at 55 Drove Road, Portslade. It provides family support in the form of short term breaks on a planned basis for up to four children at any one time aged 10-18 who have severe learning disabilities.

Teenage Scheme: A teenage group meet fortnightly. This service is for disabled young people and offers opportunities to gain independence skills, mix with people of a similar age and enjoy community activities.



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Other Residential Provision

We also provide residential care with other providers for example CMG (the Care Management Group) at Roselands and Dyke Road. Occasionally children have to be placed in specialist residential homes outside of Brighton & Hove.

Transition Planning

Transition planning means how we work with disabled young people and their families to plan for their needs as they become adults. Our aim is to put the needs of the young person at the centre of all planning and to have them directly involved and consulted.

Transition planning begins at a young person's year 9 Educational Review. The Directorates of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Children and Young People's Trust have a legal responsibility to work together and so we have a Transition Planning Co-ordinator who oversees that process, together with two workers employed across Children's and Adult services. We also have a multi-agency transition forum which is a key planning forum around all transitions.

Further Information

For information about local and national resources, parent led groups and benefits please contact the Social Work Team or the Duty Social Worker. Amaze is an excellent source of local information.

Amaze also manage the COMPASS which is a register of disabled children in Brighton & Hove. By registering you will ensure that you receive regular information and you will also be eligible for the COMPASS leisure card.

For more information contact Amaze on (01273) 772289.

The National Council for Disabled Children are very helpful on a range of topics affecting disabled children and their carers. Telephone 0207 843 6000

Comments, Compliments and Complaints

Please let us know if you have found our services to be useful, or if we could improve them. If you are unhappy with something we have done, you can ask to speak with a Duty Senior or the Service Manager.

If we cannot resolve the problem, then we do have a complaints procedure. Leaflets about this are available at all our offices. Alternatively, you can contact them directly by telephoning 0800 072 9960 or writing to:

Customer Service Manager
Children & Young People's Trust
Brighton & Hove City Council
FREEPOST SEA2717
Brighton BN1 1ZZ

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OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Sensory Services Team

01273 296256

The MacKeith Centre

01273 328145

Occupational Therapy Service

01273 295825

Sensory Needs Service

01273 293610

Emergency Duty Team

07699 391462

Children, Families & Schools Information

01273 296000

