



## HEAR OUR VOICE

It's crucial we hear and understand the child's or young person's views and wishes as part of our assessment process.

We do this by:

- Talking to your child directly or using communication devices to get their opinions
- Learning about your children by observing your child in their surroundings
- Speaking to those who know them best to understand how they present in various situations

We collaborate with other professionals involved in your child's care to consider their views and represent them in our assessment.

Your child/young person and their voice matters!

## GETTING IN TOUCH

More information and links to community-based resources are available on our website.



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## CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES SERVICE



**Supporting children with disabilities and their families in Aberdeen City**

## WHAT DOES THE SERVICE OFFER?

A referral to the Children with Disabilities Services should be considered only when it is identified that a child's disability impacts on their life, and/or that of their family, and is too great to be addressed by universal provision and there is a need for targeted support.

This Service works within a framework of support. Once a referral is accepted by the Children with Disabilities Service, an assessment is offered under Section 23 Children (Scotland) Act 1995. Parent/Carers may also be eligible for a Carer's Assessment under the Carer's Act (Scotland) 2016 and a referral will be made to the relevant commissioned organisation, which is Quarriers.

## FRAMEWORK OF SUPPORT

The Children with Disabilities Service works with children aged from 0 to 18 years old.

This Service support children and young people who have:

- severe or profound physical disabilities
- Severe or profound learning disabilities
- Severe developmental delay in motor and/or cognitive functioning
- profound multiple disabilities
- complex/severe health needs that are life limiting, life threatening, degenerative and organic disorders impacting on day to day living
- autism, with an associated learning disability, where the condition severely affects the child's day to day living

## REFERRAL PATHWAY

The referral pathway into Children with Disabilities Social Work Service is through the Intake Service.

Speak to your Child's Health Visitor or your Child's School. They can make a referral via the Request for Assistance Portal including a copy of your Child's Assessment and Plan.

The Intake Service will screen the information to determine if support from the Children with Disability Service is required.

## ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Once a referral to the Disability Service is accepted, we will review the Child's Plan against the framework of support.

We may contact you and/or professionals for further information to determine suitability of referral and consider our role.

If the referral is accepted an assessment is undertaken with the child and their family, including an evaluation of any support that maybe in place.

The assessment determine levels of support offered. These may range from signposting, advice/guidance, to targeted support via Social Work interventions and/or a care package.

## SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT

This is accessed only when an assessed need has been identified.

We have a legal duty to give children and their families, who are identified for SDS support as much control over how they receive/access services. Families can choose from four options - where they manage their services relatively independently, ask the Council to manage them, use a commissioned service or a combination of options. The Service will work alongside the family to identify what suits them best.