

Children and Family Services

Children with Disabilities Referrals

What do we do?

The Children with Disabilities Team provides support for disabled children, young people and their families living in the Vale of Glamorgan local authority area.

The aim of the team is to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people with disabilities, to enable them to live their lives to the full.

Who is the service for?

Disabled Children are defined as children (aged 0 – 18 years) who:

- Have a learning disability with an IQ under 70
- Have a significant physical impairment
- Have a significant sensory impairment

How do we help?

- The service is aimed at providing a holistic assessment of children and their parent/carers needs.
- Through these assessed needs, packages of support can be planned to access services. These services can include support from the teams own support workers, domiciliary care agencies or referrals to other agencies, such as after school clubs, Barnardos or NCH.
- Some of the children, who are referred to the Children with Disabilities Team, may have specialist needs that require input from other teams. In these cases, whilst any general social work input will be provided by our team, the children will be case managed by the Specialist Teams, such as Social Workers for those with Sensory Impairment. All referrals in the first instance for any other services e.g. nursing input, occupational therapists, will be made to our team, and then passed on internally.
- When the young person reaches the age of 16 the team liases closely with social workers from adult services. This ensures that the transition process is carefully managed.

How to make contact

Referrals are welcomed from family members and professionals. Referrals can be made directly to the Children with Disabilities Team on:

Phone: 01446 704824

Fax: 01446 704844

Office opening times: 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday to Thursday
8.30am – 4.30pm Friday

If no-one is available, messages can be left on the answering machine and a Social Worker will get back to you. Alternatively, on evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays you can contact the Emergency Duty Team on: 029 20448360

This leaflet is also available in other languages and in large print and other formats on request.

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