Support Services for Disabled Children and their Families

Learning Skills and Culture
Access and Inclusion
Children’s Disability Service

Guide to Virtual School and Inclusion – Disability Service
North Lincolnshire Council is committed to provide support and services for disabled children/young people that are coordinated, sufficient and enable families with disabled children/young people to enjoy aspects of life other families take for granted.

**What does the Virtual School and Inclusion - Disability Service do?**

The specialist service is part of Learning, Skills and Culture.

The team provides a specialist service for disabled children and young people aged 0-25 where the primary issue is the impact of the child/young person’s disability on the family life, or their education and where specialist multi-agency support is needed.

Working within the ethos of multi-agency integration, we undertake holistic assessments of need and provide a range of specialist support and interventions. We work with children and young people with severe and complex learning disabilities and/or health care needs and their families when the primary issue is the impact of the child’s disability on the family or their education and where:

- There is a need for a multi-agency plan without which positive outcomes for the child/young person are highly unlikely to be achieved and family and local infrastructures are likely to break down without this additional support.
- Caring for a disabled child is having a significant impact on family members and a level of support is required that cannot be met by universal services alone.
- The child’s welfare and development may be significantly impaired as a result of harm or the likelihood of harm.

The specialist service continues to promote the confidence and competences of professions in universal and mainstream settings, to ensure the needs of the children/young people and their families are met.

**Who is part of the specialist service based at Brumby Centre?**

- Lead Officer
- Lead Teachers
- Practice Supervisors
- Specialist Disability Social Workers
- Short Breaks and External Provisions Team
- Vision Support Team
- Hearing Support Team
- Physical Disability Team
- The Cygnets
- Operational Support

**How do you access the Children’s Disability Service?**

The Children’s Disability Team can be contacted on 01724 407988. We ensure that all children/young people and families are treated equally regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, ethnicity or religion.

**Other helpful numbers:**

Church Square House 01724 296500
Church Square House (out of hours) 01724 296555
Kaleidoscope 01724 277766