

Deciding if the 0-25 Together service can help you



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Working together for safe, independent and fulfilled lives for children, young people and young adults with disabilities

What is this document for?

This document outlines how we meet the social care needs of Children, Young People and Young Adults with disabilities in Hertfordshire. It will explain what support is available, who it is available to and how to access it.

A child is disabled for the purposes of Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 if he is blind, deaf or dumb or suffers from mental disorder of any kind or is substantially and permanently handicapped by illness, injury or congenital deformity or such other disability as may be prescribed.

It is important to note that you or your child's need could be met by "universal services" and that access to social care support, may not be required. The table on the following page sets out what sort of support may be best suited to your circumstances.

Terms used in this document

Low Impact – Your child's disability has a low impact on day to day life

Moderate Impact - Your child's disability has a moderate impact on day to day life

Severe Impact – Your child's disability has a high impact on day to day life

Levels	Needs	Services (examples)
<p>Disability has Low Impact on day to day life</p> <p>Universal Level Support</p> <p>Open to everyone in Hertfordshire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low level needs that have little impact on daily living • The child, young person or young adult's family feels supported and able to cope in their caring role • The child, young person or young adult's parent or carer feels able to meet medical needs • Young person or young adult needs some support to prepare for independence in adulthood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information, Advice and Guidance • Community Resources • Schools • GP and Health Visitor • Youth Centres • Children's Centres • Youth Connexions • Citizens Advice • Herts Help • District Council Services including Housing
<p>Disability has Moderate Impact on day to day life</p> <p>Preventative Level Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child, young person or young adult's family is isolated in their community • The child, young person or young adult's parent or carer needs some support from another person to ensure that medical needs are met • Caring for the child, young person or young adult has a moderate impact on the health (including mental health) of their parent / carer and/or the family unit. • The child, young person or young adult needs a moderate level of supervision and care to ensure their safety and wellbeing • Behavioural difficulties related to the child, young person or young adult's disability means that the family are at risk of being unable to provide care at home • Young person or young adult needs moderate support to prepare for independence in adulthood 	<p>All of the above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short Breaks • Direct Payments • Carers Assessments • Family Assessments • Day opportunities • Preparation for Adulthood • Signposting to universal services • Short term nursing input
<p>Disability has Severe Impact on day to day life</p> <p>Specialist Level Support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child, young person or young adult has a life limiting condition or multiple complex needs • The child, young person or young adult is at risk from harm, abuse or neglect 	<p>All of the above plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported accommodation • Increased short break offer, which may include residential respite

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child, young person or young adult's parent or carer needs significant support from another person to ensure that medical needs are met • The child, young person or young adult has significant needs that require multi-professional coordination • Caring for the child, young person or young adult has a severe impact on the health (including mental health) of their parent / carer and/or the family unit. • The child, young person or young adult needs a significant level of supervision and care to ensure their safety and wellbeing • Severe behavioural difficulties related to the child, young person or young adult's disability means that the family are unable to provide care at home • A child, young person or young adult's family and community are unable to provide care • Young person or young adult needs significant support to prepare for independence in adulthood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A higher level of direct payments • LD nursing input • Intensive family work