

# Deciding if the 0 – 25 Together Service can help you



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.

## What counts as a disability?

There are lots of legal definitions of disability so it can be a challenge to be clear on who we are talking about. Using the legal language Hertfordshire have agreed that our definition is:

**A physical and/or mental impairment that has a long term and adverse effect resulting in significant impact on daily living/ development of the child/ young adult.**

We are using the term 'mental impairment' to cover a range of conditions including:

- Learning Disability
- Autism
- Developmental delay

It is important to note that having a disability does not automatically mean that you or your child need to access social care support, but you may want to access 'universal services'. The table on the following page sets out what sort of support may be best suited to your circumstances.

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The child, young person or young adult has significant needs that require multi-professional coordination</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• The child, young person or young adult needs a significant level of supervision and care to ensure their safety and wellbeing</li><li>• 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</li><li>• A child, young person or young adult's family and community are unable to provide care</li><li>• Young person or young adult needs significant support to prepare for independence in adulthood</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intensive family work</li></ul>
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