

Services for children with additional needs

www.devon.gov.uk/cwan

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There are lots of **universal** services which are available to you and your family, visit www.devonfsd.info for more details. This factsheet is a list of services which offer **specialist** help.

Common Assessment Framework (CAF)

This is the method of assessing and planning services for children who require support from several agencies to meet their needs. It is used by education, health and social care staff.

www.devonchildrenstrust.org.uk/toolkit/caf

DISCplus

This is a specialist information service for parents and carers of children with additional needs. If you need any information or would like to receive the DISCplus newsletter, contact the DISCplus local information co-ordinator for your area on freephone **0800 056 3666** or visit www.devon.gov.uk/cwan-usefulinfoparentsandcarers

Devon Parent Partnership Service

The Parent Partnership Service provides impartial and confidential information and support for parents and carers on any aspects of children's education from 0-19. Training for parents, carers and professionals is also available. Phone **01392 383080** or visit www.parentpartnershipdevon.org.uk

Early Support Programme

Support materials for families who have children under 5 with developmental difficulties. Your health visitor can help you work out what parts of the programme will be useful to you and put you in touch with someone to continue to guide you through if they are not going to be seeing you regularly. www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/sen/earlysupport

Early Response Service (ERS)

Each area of Devon has an Early Response Service which uses the **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** to assess need and works in partnership with children and families.

www.devon.gov.uk/early-and-further-response-services

Further Response Service (FRS)

Each area of Devon has a Further Response Service which works with children and young people with more complex additional needs. The FRS works with families and other services to ensure that the child and family receive the range of support they need.

www.devon.gov.uk/early-and-further-response-services



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Integrated Children's Services (ICS)

Services for children and young people with additional needs and their families are delivered through Integrated Children's Services (ICS). ICS is made up of the local Early Response Services, Further Response Services and a county Family Support Service. It includes services previously known as Joint Agency or Children with Disabilities teams. www.devon.gov.uk/cwan

Joint Agency Record (JAR)

The JAR provides a profile of children in Devon with additional needs. It is held on a computer database and is used to plan future specialist services for children and adults. You can have a copy of your child's JAR profile or we can confirm for service providers that your child is on the Joint Agency Record to help with concessions on leisure activities or public transport.

Parent Carers' Voice

A voluntary organisation helping parents and carers give feedback on services and put forward ideas to improve them. Phone **01392 384869** or visit www.parentcarersvoice.org

Portage

A home visiting service for children under 5 with developmental difficulties. Using materials from the **Early Support Programme**, a Portage trained home visitor helps you to promote and celebrate your child's achievements by demonstrating strategies and setting tasks to practise between visits. The service provides a home-based option for families not wishing to travel to a **Specialist Child Assessment Centre**. Your health visitor can refer you to the service.

Specialist Child Assessment Centre

A centre providing assessment, treatment and services for children with complex needs. Devon has two centres at Honeylands in Exeter and Highfield House in Barnstaple. Cross boundary services are in Plymouth at Scott Hospital and in Torbay at John Parkes Unit. Speak to your health visitor, GP or consultant for more information.

Step by Step groups at children's centres

Step by Step groups are drop-in groups for families with a child with an additional need under 5 years. Many have toy libraries with specialist toys which can be borrowed.

www.devon.gov.uk/childrenscentres

Support groups

There are many specialist support groups in Devon run by parents and carers. You can find local groups on www.devonfsd.info or call the DISCplus information co-ordinators on freephone **0800 056 3666**

DISCplus local information co-ordinators

The co-ordinators are there to help you get information on services and support available in your area. For more information about any of these services call the main office on **0845 155 1013** and ask to speak to your local co-ordinator or email discplus@devon.gov.uk

