

# Children with special needs

## Enabling Service

**The Enabling Service is part of Family Support Services. We work directly with children and young people and we work closely with Integrated Children's Services staff.**

Children and young people are referred to the Enabling Service through the Integrated Children's Service and the scheme is funded through **Fair Access to Short Breaks**. (See factsheet 3)

Before we start working with you, we will do a home visit to discuss your child's needs, including their interests, likes and dislikes. From this we will decide with you how we can best support your child.

We work in the community or in the home supporting young people with additional needs. Our work varies depending on the needs of young person and their parents or carers.

We aim to provide a reliable and professional service which focuses on the child or young person.

Our work covers five main areas.

- Be healthy.
- Stay safe.
- Enjoy and achieve.
- Make a positive contribution.
- Achieve economic wellbeing.

We work:

- in your home supporting your child's daily care needs
- in the community on a 1:1 basis.

We do:

- short term work which lasts up to twelve weeks
- long term work which lasts longer than twelve weeks or is ongoing
- emergency work.

The service is available seven days a week, including before and after school and during holidays.

We provide positive experiences for children and young people which helps them to:

- access community settings
- broaden their life experiences
- attend local clubs in their own community
- build independence skills
- take part in activities that are child-led rather than led by adults
- build their confidence and self-esteem
- achieve their goals.

The Enabling Service also provides short breaks for parents and carers.

As part of Devon County Council and NHS Devon, our enablers have ongoing support and regular contact with their line managers to ensure that they always kept up to date with knowledge and training to provide the best service for your child.

For more information contact the Enabling Service on **01392 384437**

We welcome feedback from parents, carers and professionals about the scheme.

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