

Where and how is the Disabled Children Register kept?

The information you provide is held confidentially and securely on computer with Darlington Borough Council. We will send you a copy of your information if you ask for it.

Your information will be reviewed regularly and we will ask you about any changes and update your record.

Who can see this information?

Any reports we produce will be used for planning and developing services. They will never identify any child, young person or family as only facts and figures are used.

How do I register?

You can complete a registration online by accessing the following link: <http://www.darlington.gov.uk/education-and-learning/childrens-social-care/disabled-children>

You may also print off the form, complete it and post it to us at **Disabled Children Register, Children's Services, Gladstone Street, Darlington, DL3 6JX.**

If you would like us to send you a registration form please contact us by email or telephone:

Email: disabledchildrenregister@darlington.gov.uk

Phone: 01325 406125 (Life Stages Reception)

The Disabled Children Register

Do you have a disabled child or a child with special needs that greatly affect their everyday life?

What is the Disabled Children Register?

We want to make sure we know how many disabled children and young people or those with special needs that greatly affects their everyday life live in the Borough of Darlington.

Do I have to register my child?

No, registering is voluntary and details of your child cannot be added without your permission.

There is a form to fill in but you can choose which questions you answer. By registering your child you are helping us develop services for disabled children and young people and to plan for future needs as they grow into adulthood.

Is it for my child?

Yes, if your child:

- ✓ Has a special need from either a health condition or is disabled
- ✓ Has a long-term illness
- ✓ Needs help with personal care
- ✓ Needs help with communicating their needs and feelings
- ✓ Gets Disability Living Allowance

And:

- ✓ Is under 18 years of age
- ✓ Lives in the Borough of Darlington

What will families get out of the Disabled Children Register?

Being part of the Disabled Children Register is not a way of being assessed for services and will not provide or take away any services for you or your child.

Registering will give you and your family the chance to comment on the services you do or don't get. It is a way for you to tell us what you think could make a difference, and pass on your views to the people who plan services and make decisions. It is also a way for us to pass on information to you.

We will:

- ✓ Let you know how we have used your information
- ✓ Send you our regular updates
- ✓ Keep you up to date with the Local Offer of services in Darlington
- ✓ Let you know how you can be involved
- ✓ Update you about groups and organisations that you may wish to be involved with.

