

Do you find yourself looking in lots of places for information and contact details on services available to you and your family? If so, please read on....

This document has been put together to provide up to date information on local services and support available to disabled children, young people and their families. If you cannot find the information that you're looking for, please contact our Parent's Information & Support workers on: (01204) 337102/6194.

Financial help

If you are asking yourself any of the following questions with regard to benefits, this section is for you.

- Where can I go for help with benefits?
- What financial help is available for families with a disabled child?

Bolton Welfare Rights is a free service that provides independent advice and your rights and entitlement to benefits.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/WelfareRightsAdvice.aspx>

Email: welfare.rights@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 380460

Free Schools Meals

Your child may be entitled to free schools if you are on certain benefits. Details of these can be found on the website or by phoning the number below.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Freeschoolmeals.aspx>

Email: housing.benefits@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 331590

Health

You may have questions about health services, such as:

- Where can I go to find out about services for children with disabilities?
- Where can I find out more about my child's condition?
- Where can I find a disabled friendly dentist in my area?

The Child Development Team coordinate services for pre school children with developmental delay or disabilities. They can be located at Halliwell Children's Health and Development Centre.

Web: http://www.bolton.nhs.uk/your-services/servicechildren_health/child_development.asp

Tel: 01204 463470

Children with Learning Disabilities Team - Specialist knowledge and skills relating to school age children with learning disabilities.

Web: http://www.bolton.nhs.uk/your-services/servicechildren_health/ChildLD.asp

Pikes Lane Centre, Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5HP **01204 463660**

The Community Dental Service provides dental care for children and older people with special needs including physical and learning disabilities. Referrals to this service can be made through education staff, social services and health professionals.

Web: http://www.bolton.nhs.uk/your-services/ServiceAdult_OlderPeople/dental/dental.asp

Tel: 01204 462370

Education

When thinking about your child's education, there will be a number of questions that you will want to ask. Hopefully, this section will help be able assist you in finding the answers to some of them including these:

- Where can I get advice and information about my child's education?
- Can we get help with transport to and from school for my disabled child/children?
- I'm worried that my child is being bullied, where can I go for advice?

School admissions – for information on school admissions including how and when to apply for a place, visit the website for more information or contact via e mail or telephone.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Schooladmissions.aspx>

<http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/specialeducationalneedsplacementinmainstreamschools.aspx>

Email: ea.pss@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: Primary admissions 01204 332143 Secondary admissions 01204 332137

Transport – your child may qualify for transport assistance if they meet certain criteria. Transport assistance can take the form of a bus pass, a shared mini bus or taxi, or transporting your child and being reimbursed through a travel allowance.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Specialeducationalneedstransport.aspx>

Email: ea.sen@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 337981

Bullying – if you think that your child is being bullied or have any concerns, then visit the website below or contact Bully Free Zone. The Website provides useful links and also has the Bolton Anti Bullying Strategy available for download.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Bullyingandharassmentpolicy.aspx>

Email: office@bullyfreezone.freerve.co.uk

Tel: 01204 454958

Statement of Special Educational Needs – as a parent you can request the initiation of a statement assessment. A statement will describe all your child's special educational needs and the special help your child should receive. Information on this process can be found at the website or you can speak to one of the Inclusion and Statutory Assessment Service team.

Web: <http://moss.bolton.gov.uk/website/pages/Statementofspecialeducationneed.aspx?bid=3508>

Email: ea.sen@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 338653

Transition – when we talk about transition, it is to describe the transition to adult life for disabled young people as they move into adulthood and leave behind services that are traditionally provided for children and young people. The web page provides information on the transition process and what will happen for your child in the future.

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/Pages/Transition.aspx?bid=2735>

Te: 01204 337100

Leisure and Sports Activities

Bolton Scout Groups – The links below provide information on groups that are run within the Bolton area. These include Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

<http://www.25thbolton.co.uk/index.php?page=home>

<http://www.19thbolton.org.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.darwen-scouts.org.uk/groups/1stturton/>

Daytrippers (Bolton) - is a Registered Charity offering days out, activities and support for pre-school and school aged children with disabilities/special needs their families and carers.

www.daytrippersbolton.btik.com

Tel: 07846 425470 or 07941 747920.

Zacs Bar – The Sycamore Project

They offer a diverse range of activities for young people with disabilities.

www.zacsbar.co.uk

Millers Nook – Local RDA Horse Riding School

Katherine Miller runs this local riding school which has been approved by the Riding for the Disabled Association. For more information contact Katherine on the below email or telephone number.

Email: millersnookridingschool@btconnect.com

Tel: 01942 816 722

Bolton Bulls - the club is for people with a physical disability who wish to participate in wheelchair basketball from recreation to competitive levels. The club competes in the Great Britain Wheelchair basketball association national league.
For more information, contact: Jimmy Heggie: 01204 417489

Bolton Wanderers Football Club – provides indoor football fun sessions at two venues in Bolton. There is a small cost to these sessions.
Steve Obertelli: 01204 480601

Bolton Bullets - Powered Wheelchair Football sessions run at Smithills Sports Centre.
For more information, contact: Glen Keeley
Email: glen.keeley@bolton.gov.uk
Tel: 01204 334152 or 07792371893

AFC Masters – football club for disabled young people in Bolton. The sessions need parents/carers to stay with their child. We also encourage family members to get involved so it's a great activity for brothers and sisters too.
For more information and details on session times, contact: Iain Massingham
Email: iain.massingham@bolton.gov.uk
Tel: 01204 337109

Disability Multi Sport Club - this is a fully supervised club with teachers and qualified sports coaches for 8-16 year olds. The club encourages participation in various sports to improve and develop basic motor skills and social skills.
For details on session times and costs, contact: Steve Cann
Email: steve.cann@bolton.gov.uk
Tel: 01204 334456

Bolton Lads & Girls Club – provide sports sessions for disabled children and young people. These sessions run out of school hours and include football and badminton. For more information, contact: Rachel Burke
Web: www.boltonladsandgirlsclub.co.uk
Email: Rachel.Burke@blgc.co.uk
Tel: 01204 540100

Bolton Disability Swimming Club - Swimming Lessons
Ladybridge Leisure Centre, New York, Junction Road, Deane, BL3 4NG
Times & Dates: Every Tuesday in term time 3.30pm-4.15pm & 4.15-5.00pm **Cost:** £3 per session
Age: 4-18 years
Tel: 01204 333355/07828 597942

Hilton Table Tennis Club - the club is a mainstream club that welcomes all disabled people aged 7 and over. The club is open for all levels of ability from beginners to international competition levels. Coaching is available.

For session times and costs, contact: Jean Smart

Tel: 01204 691802 01204 413309

'Wheels For All' Cycling Project – sessions run providing adapted cycles including hand cycles, quad cycles, tricycles, side by sides, tandems and recumbents. Sessions are run at Bolton Arena and Leverhulme Park. Full groups can be accommodated by arrangement.

All abilities welcome. For full session details, contact:

Sue Hayes- 01204 488100

Graham Marshall - 01204 334109

Email: graham.marshall@bolton.gov.uk

Bolton Disabled Sports Association (BDSA)

Bolton Disabled Sports Association fosters and develops sports and physical activities amongst disabled people in Bolton

Web: <http://www.bolton.gov.uk/website/news/Pages/Sportingchancesfordisabledyoungpeople.aspx>

Email: sporthealthinclusion@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 334195

Parent Support and Involvement

MEGs – Minority Ethnic Groups supporting disabled children in Bolton - MEGS aims to increase consultation and partnership working with the parents of disabled children in Bolton from Minority Ethnic Groups. To ensure voices are being heard by promoting understanding and respect of the different language and cultural needs of the different Groups. MEGS also aims to provide a safe and mutually supportive forum to share information and increase opportunities for social contact and mutual support. For more Information please contact Humaira Ghanchi.

Tel: 01204 337100

E mail: Humaira.ghanchi@bolton.gov.uk

BACPAC – Bolton Area Council for Parent's and Children - the governments Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) agenda wants to ensure that parents and carers have a voice and are involved locally in planning and developing the services that their disabled children need. BACPAC is a group of parents and carers who aim to promote parent participation in Bolton by providing opportunities for parents to express their views and concerns, working together with professionals to bring about change and improvements that parents want.

Web: <http://www.bacpacbolton.org.uk/>

Tel: 07944237981

Email: info@bacpacbolton.org.uk

Bolton Kidz2gether - is a registered charity for the Bolton area specialising in support for children and young people with autism and autistic spectrum disorders (ASD).

Web: www.kidz2gether.org.uk

Email: info@kidz2gether.org.uk

Tel: Jacqueline - 07919 864784

Steph - 07919 871014

Other useful information:

Bolton Families Information Service – is the local contact for details on registered childcare, activities for children, young people and families as well providing a brokerage service to help families who need additional support to access childcare facilities. The brokerage service also supports families of children with disabilities to access short break services e.g. leisure activities.

Web: www.bolton.gov.uk/fis

Email: families@bolton.gov.uk

Tel: 01204 332170

Help4me - is a families services directory providing details on all types of children's and young people's services available in a local area. It includes services provided by the private, voluntary and independent sector, as well as council services and national sources of help and advice for families.

Web: www.help4me.info

Directgov – is a national website that provides information on public services from childcare, employment to tax credits etc.

www.direct.gov.uk

Ring & Ride - provides a door-to-door accessible minibus service for people of all ages who find it difficult to use ordinary public transport.

www.ringandride.info

Tel: 0161 244 1504

Home Start - recruits and trains volunteers to visit families at home who have at least one child under 5. Volunteers offer emotional support and practical help to families who are struggling to cope with any aspect of family life.

www.home-start.org.uk

Tel: 01204 362786