

Children with Disabilities



Assessments and Packages

Providing services to children with complex needs and disabilities, and their families



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The Assessment

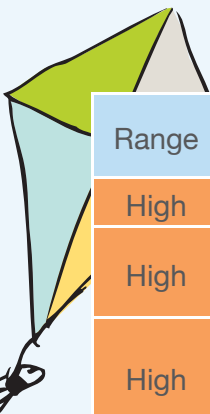
A package of support is determined following an assessment.

Packages of support must focus on individual need and the particular circumstances of each family. The Assessment of Need is assessed on the basis of two components: the level of disability and any social and parenting issues identified through a Social Work, Social Care Worker or Key Worker assessment.

The number of hours short breaks allocated to a child and their family and the type of service offered, will be explored during the assessment and depends on:

- the level of the child's disability
- the impact of the child's disability in being able to care for themselves and keep safe
- the impact of the child's disability on family life
- the ability/skills of the parents
- any additional problems the parents might face - housing, finance, domestic violence, physical or mental health problems and substance misuse
- the wishes of the child and their family.





Range	Child disability issue		Social and parenting issues
High	Mobility	Totally dependent	Looked After Child
High	Self care	Totally dependent	Child subject of a Supervision Order
High	Communication	Unable to understand or communicate	Child subject of a Child Protection Plan
High	Behaviour	Constant significant risk to self and others	Substance misusing parents/carer
High	Cognitive	Constant danger to self and others	Family violence
High	Sleep pattern	Needs attention throughout the night	Parent/carer has significant health/mental health or disability problems
High	Medical	Needs medication by trained person	Complex family issues
Medium	Mobility	Dependent for some transfers	
Medium	Self care	Dependent for major aspects of care	More than one disabled child in the family
Medium	Communication	Communication often difficult to understand	Parent has significant difficulty managing physical care
Medium	Behaviour	Significant risk to self and others two or more times per week	Parent has significant difficulty managing behaviour



Medium	Cognitive	Structured prompting/ supervision to make appropriate choices and stay safe	Major housing and environment factors
Medium	Sleep pattern	Needs attention three times + per night	High levels of family stress
Medium	Medical	Requires medication by parent or carer	Relationship difficulties
Low	Mobility	Some assistance required	Socially isolated family
Low	Self care	Some assistance required	Two or more children under five
Low	Communication	Some communication difficulties	Housing and environmental factors
Low	Behaviour	Occasional challenging behaviour	Financial problems
Low	Cognitive	Regular prompting required to make appropriate choices	Family stress
Low	Sleep pattern	Some attention required	Single parent family
Low	Medical	Low level medical needs	Acute tiredness

A Carer's Assessment should also be completed if requested and can be helpful in establishing the additional caring demands as a result of the child's condition.



Short Breaks available through an Assessment

Holiday play provision

A number of holiday services are available from St Quintin without assessment. Some children may also be able to access mainstream play provision without an additional One-to-one Worker (St Quintin staff can help you with this). If your child requires a One-to-one Support Worker to access either mainstream or specialist play provision, an assessment will be needed and the most suitable play setting and support level will need to be identified.

Lower level: provided by St Quintin within Basic Offer

Medium level: two to three days per week

Higher level: up to five days per week



Transport

Help with transport is available for those families who have difficulty getting to and from St Quintin. Priority is given to those who:

- live more than a mile from St Quintin
- do not have a family car available
- have siblings or other children who the parent needs to bring along when they collect the child from the centre
- are disabled in a way that makes it difficult for them to collect the child from the centre
- find it significantly difficult, because of the child's disability to collect them from the centre and take them home.



Home Care or Home Sitting

(one-to-one support provided through an agency worker)

Medium level: half a day (up to four hours)

High level: a full day (up to eight hours)

Very High level: if a child or young person has significant personal care needs, for instance following an operation, support may be set at a higher level according to assessed need. A package of support of more than 15 hours a week would be unusual.

Where the Continuing Care criteria for medical needs are met, packages may be joint-funded with the PCT through agreement at the Continuing Care panel.



Direct Payments to a parent or carer

(Home based one-to-one support provided through direct payment)

Lower level: up to four hours

Medium level: up to four hours

Higher level: up to eight hours

Very high level: if a child or young person has significant personal care needs, for instance following an operation, support may be set at a higher level according to assessed need. A package of support of more than 15 hours a week would be unusual.

After school care

(One-to-one support to enable children to attend)

Lower level and Medium level: this service is available at St Quintin without an assessment

Higher level: three to five days a week



Regular Saturday Care

Lower level: this is available through St Quintin without an assessment

Medium level: guaranteed once a fortnight

Higher level: weekly (this would be unusual)

Shared Care

(Family-based short breaks)

For younger children who have medium to high levels of need

Residential short breaks

This service is for children over nine years old who have high levels of need. The service is particularly aimed at:

- children with disrupted sleep patterns
- children who share sleeping space with parents or siblings
- children whose families experience accommodation problems
- children who need a social experience which is difficult to gain through other services.





The basic package for residential short breaks is as follows:

The Haven: one overnight stay a fortnight (per year)

Linden Lodge School: one overnight stay a week during the school term

Oak Lodge School: one overnight stay a week during the school term

(Greater packages can be accommodated according to need)

Please note: It is unusual for more than two different sorts of provision, including play provision, to be provided in any individual package.

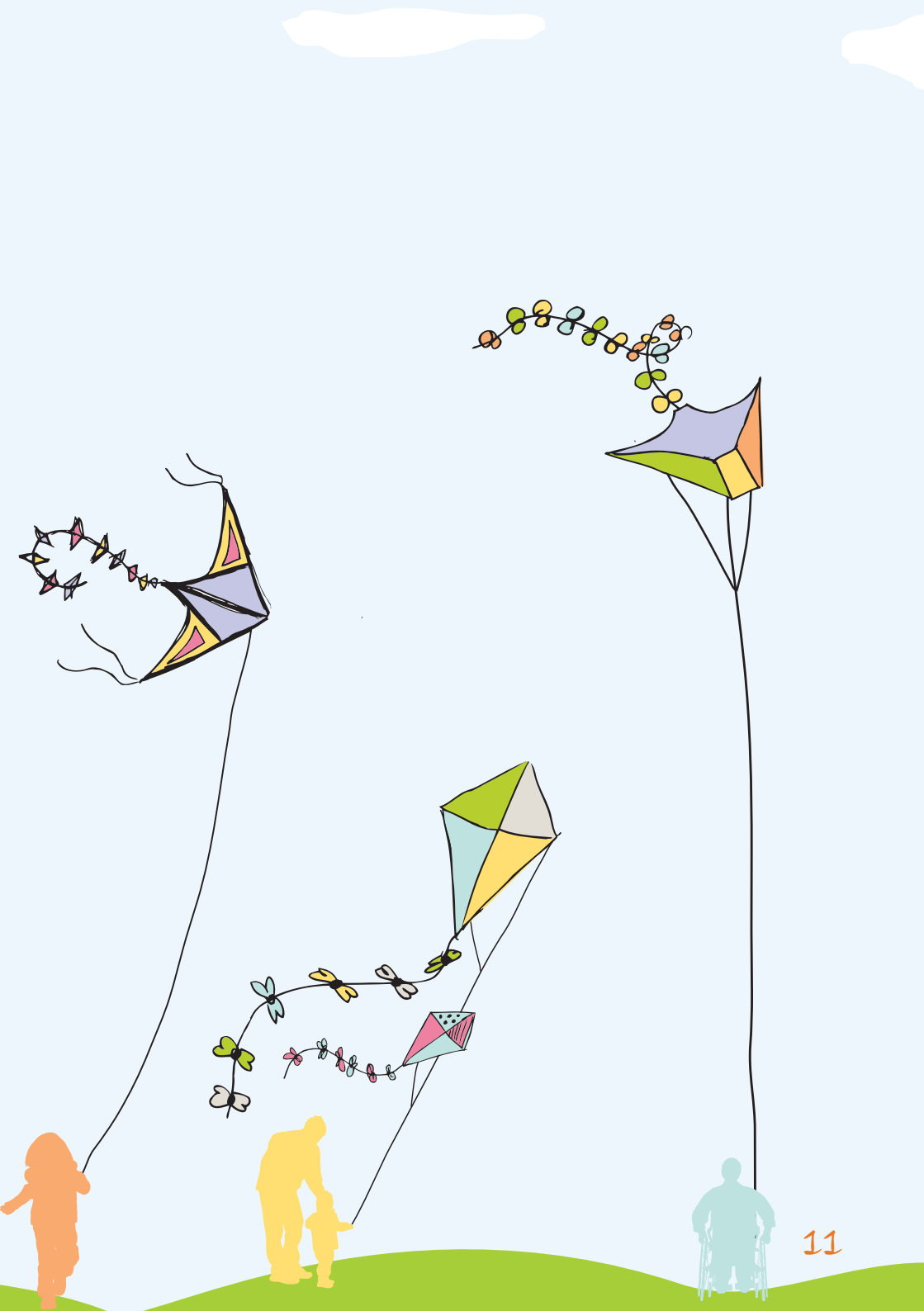


St Quintin Centre for Disabled Children

Core Offer

As long as a family fits the St Quintin criteria for having a Disabled Child, they can be offered the following as part of the Core Offer for families:

- Access to a Social Worker for short term work or information.
- DCATCH - Support for parents wanting to return to work or to study.
- Access to Sensory Toy Library.
- Access to Stay and Play Sunday from 11-3pm.
- Access to any afterschool activity (Usually one activity per family per term). These are charged at £1 per session and booked in advance. These are for children over five years of age.
- After school activities include swimming, rock climbing, bowling, cinema club, milkshake disco, capoeira.
- Access to Siblings Club.
- Access to Social Skills Group.
- Family Days out (charge of £5 per family).
- Access to activity days/sessions in school holidays these include pony days, pony sessions and Yoga sessions. Charge of £2.50 per session (these are for children over five years of age).
- Access to Saturday Activity days on alternate Saturdays - Charge of £2.50 per session - one per month per family. (These are for children over five years of age).
- Access to the centre in the holidays for Stay and Plays.
- Parent courses on a variety of subjects such First Aid and Makaton.
- Parents pampering sessions.
- Access to St Quintin Caravan for subsidised holiday bookings.
- Signposting for higher support packages or further support.
- Information on future events/consultations.



If you do not understand English because, for example, you have sight or hearing loss, we can give you the information in this leaflet:

- on audio cassette or in very large print or Braille
- translated into the main languages spoken in Kensington and Chelsea
- by arranging an interpreter or signer for you.

You can make these arrangements by:

- calling our contact centre on **020 7361 3013**
- emailing **social.services@rbkc.gov.uk**
- calling the minicom number on **020 7937 7232**.