

16. Disabilities and Additional Needs

Do you want to find out about local services, support groups, activities and national initiatives for children with disabilities or additional needs?

Join the Record 4u database and you will receive the 4us newsletter, direct to your door, totally free of charge! You will also receive specific information relevant to the needs of your family AND help us to plan services for children and young people throughout Cumbria.

Read on to find out more...

What is the Record 4u database?

Record 4u is a database that holds details about children and young people with disabilities and additional needs in Cumbria.

The database is used to:

- produce anonymous statistics to help the local authority plan services;
- identify any specific clusters of disabilities or special educational needs within a particular area;
- send out the 4us newsletter;
- send families specific information based on their needs, including local groups, activities and support.

We need as many families as possible to join the database to make it effective.

How do I join the Record 4u database?

We need as many families as possible to join the database to make it effective. Contact the Children and Families Information Service on 08457 125 737 and request a Record 4u database form. Please fill in the form and return it to us in the pre-paid envelope which will be provided.

If you prefer, you can fill the form in with a member of staff over the telephone. We can call you back so that you do not incur charges.

Also, some health visitors carry our database forms and will help you to fill one in.

The form asks for your contact details, followed by a range of questions about your child's current and future needs. All information will be kept entirely confidential. We will not share any of your personal details without your prior permission.



What is the 4us newsletter?

4us is a newsletter which is produced by Children's Services three times a year in spring, summer and autumn. It provides information for families with children and young people aged from 0-25 who have a disability or additional need. Additional needs can include physical or sensory impairments, a special educational need, learning disability or behavioural problems.

4us can also be helpful for practitioners (for example, nurses, social workers, health visitors and teachers).

The newsletter is full of information about issues like disability sport, local support groups, early support, local library services, financial issues, useful help lines, websites, publications, agencies, organisations and lots more.

Don't miss out! Give us a call and join the Record 4u database today!



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