

- To make sure we continue to meet your child's needs, we will talk to you and review any services provided at least once every six months.

**For more information, please contact:**

Children with Additional Support Needs Team  
(Disabilities)

Strathmore Centre  
57 Strathmore Avenue  
Forfar DD8 1ND  
Phone: 01307 461767

Or you can phone the social-work offices  
listed below:

Academy Lane  
Arbroath DD11 1EJ  
Phone: 01241 878585

2 Strang Street  
Forfar DD8 2HR  
Phone: 01307 465143

42 Dundee Street  
Carnoustie DD7 7PG  
Phone: 01241 859884

The Library  
High Street  
Monifieth DD5 4AE  
Phone: 01382 534244

Kirkton Hill  
Kirriemuir DD8 4JT  
Phone: 015475 572958

28 Panmure Street  
Brecht DD9 6AP  
Phone: 01356 624771

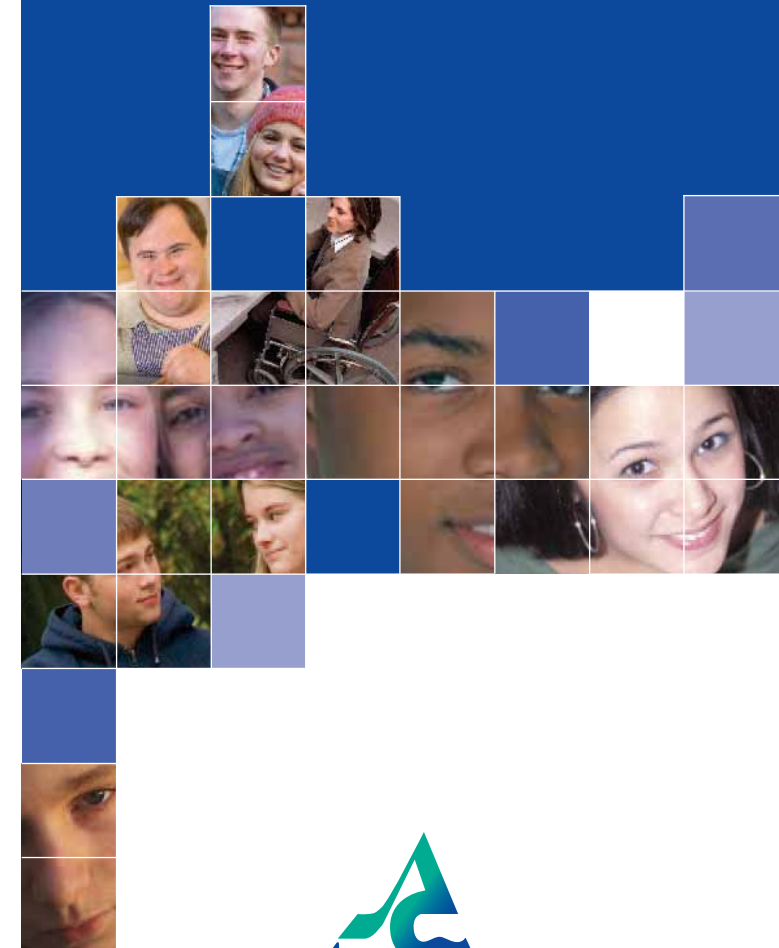
208-210 High Street  
Montrose DD10 8PH  
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You can get this leaflet in large print, in Braille or on audio tape by phoning us on 01307 474151. We can provide this information in other languages if you need it.

Call ACCESS Angus 08452 777 778 -  
your direct line for council services.

# Social work services for children with disabilities



## **Social work services for children with disabilities**

We are based in Forfar and offer a range of services for children with special needs, and their families, who live in Angus.

## **Children with Additional Support Needs Team (Disabilities)**

We give support to children with special needs and their families. We provide a wide range of services, including the following.

- Family support
- Residential short breaks
- Respite day care
- Family-based respite

These services are designed to reduce the negative effects of disability. We have explained each service below.

### **Family support**

Family support is provided by either a social worker or a residential care worker, who will give advice and guidance about education, housing or health issues.

### **Residential short breaks and short-term daycare**

After we assess your needs, we may offer short-term residential breaks for children with disabilities. There is accommodation for four children in a home-like setting. We usually

provide breaks at weekends, but we provide extra overnight stays during school holidays. We aim to provide good-quality short breaks which support children to be independent and help broaden social and leisure opportunities for children and young people with special needs. This also provides a break for parents and carers.

As well as residential short breaks, we may provide daycare. This mainly happens at weekends, but may be available during school holidays.

We have a system in place to make sure that people in greatest need receive the service. We will tell you what priority we have given you and how long it is likely to be before you start receiving the service.

### **Respite day care**

A childminder or the Strathmore Centre can provide daycare for full days or half days.

### **Family-based respite**

We also provide family-based short breaks for children with special needs in Angus. Children go on short breaks in homes of families or single people living in the community.

We advertise for, choose and train people to be respite carers. There is a procedure for becoming a respite carer that applies to all interested carers. This includes statutory checks, which we must make.

Family-based respite carers are volunteers who, after being chosen and trained, offer their

time and skills. For this they are paid a weekly allowance.

### **Outreach and home services**

We provide an outreach service for parents or carers who would prefer their children to have services provided at home. This allows our residential care workers to provide short-term daycare in your child's home.

### **Other services**

We give parents and carers the opportunity to discuss issues related to health and education and maintain links between health, education and social-work services. The links make sure that we meet needs as much as possible.

### **Direct payments**

In some circumstances, we can make a direct payment to you instead of providing any of these services to allow you to buy services. There is a more detailed leaflet describing direct payments which we can give you.

### **What you can expect from us**

- When we receive your request for a service, we will look at it within 14 days. We will consider your family circumstances and the needs of your child.
- To help us decide the best way of meeting your child's needs, we may have to ask you for some more information. We will do this within 14 days of looking at your request.