

Children and Disability Team

Support and services for disabled children and their families



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Eligibility

Most children in Perth and Kinross who require services will receive them through universal provision within their local community. The same should be true of any child with a disability. Only when it has been identified that the impact of the child's disability on their life, and/or that of their family, is too great to be addressed by universal provision, should a referral for an assessment to the Children and Disability Team be considered.

If your child has been diagnosed with a physical and/or learning disability, or an illness which is chronic or life-threatening, they may be eligible for an assessment by the Children and Disability (CAD) Team under Section 23 Children (Scotland) Act 1995. Parents/carers may also be eligible for a Carer's Assessment under the Carer's Act (Scotland) 2016. The CAD Team works with children aged from 0 to 18 (16 to 18-year-olds must be in secondary education).

Assessment

It is very important to us that children, young people and families are actively involved in the assessment process and in identifying what support/services will best meet their needs.



Eligibility criteria

Significant

Children with complex health needs/disabilities, including life-threatening needs, where parents/carers are unable to provide care. Children who require protective services. Needs assessed at this level will require a multi-agency Core Assessment.

Moderate

Children likely to have a number of additional needs and without added support, these needs are likely to have a significant impact. These children are likely to require a Lead Professional and co-ordinated support services of more than one agency.

Low

Children whose needs can be met by universal services and targeted universal services such as specialist education and third sector organisations such as Parent to Parent, Perth Autism Support, PKAVS and SHIP.



Self-directed Support

Some services and supports are only available when an assessed need has been identified.

The Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 places a duty on Councils to offer four differing options to families regarding how their services are provided. The options allow families to choose how their services are provided; relatively independently, managed by the Council for them, or a combination of both. The social worker will work alongside the family to identify what suits them best.

Services and supports

There are a number of different forms of respite or short breaks which may be available for families of children with disabilities, for example:

- home support services (eg from a local agency) employing a Personal Assistant
- holiday playschemes
- befriending schemes
- day care
- local authority specialist resource

Outreach

CAD also work closely with SHINE, a team providing support and outreach to children with Autism.



Transition

Leaving school can be a daunting prospect and this can be compounded if your child has a disability.

CAD aim to support young people and their families to have a positive transition to adult services.

We refer families to Adult Services including to SCOPE, a multi-disciplinary team supporting young people and adults, from age 14, with a learning disability and/or Autism who have complex needs.

We make referrals for young people from the age of 14 and work collaboratively with workers from Adult Services until the young person leaves school.

You can access the criteria and referral forms for the CAD team at www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17899/Children-and-Disability-Social-Work-Team

Contact

If you would like to talk to someone about the information contained in this leaflet, please telephone 01738 454491, or if you prefer, email ChildrenandDisabilityTeam@pkc.gov.uk

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- **Child Protection Duty Team**
Email ChildProtection@pkc.gov.uk
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www.pkc.gov.uk/childprotection
- **Perth Autism Support**
Tel 01738 451081/07561 610971
Email registration@perthautismsupport.org.uk
www.perthautismsupport.org.uk
- **Parent to Parent**
Tel 01382 817558
Email admin@parent-to-parent.org
Email Trudy.doideg@parent-to-parent.org
<https://parent-to-parent.org>
- **S.H.I.P. (Support Help and Integration in Perthshire)**
Tel 07713 565120
Email info@ship-perthshire.co.uk
www.ship-perthshire.co.uk
- **PKAVS (Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service)**
Tel 01738 567076
Email carershubadmin@pkavs.org.uk
www.pkavscarershub.org.uk
- **IAPK (Independent Advocacy Perth and Kinross)**
Tel 01738 587887
Email info@iapk.org.uk
www.iapk.org.uk
- **SCOPE (supporting people with complex needs)**
Tel 01738 47500
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