Disability Services
Easy Read fact sheet

This fact sheet is for people who have:

- a learning disability
- a physical disability
- a sensory loss or impairment
- or who care for someone with a disability.

Impairment means something is weak or damaged. For example someone’s eyesight or hearing.

Disability Services help people with a disability to live independently.

Getting in contact

For information about care and support:

Telephone: 0345 045 5202

Email: care.info@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
When you contact us we may

- give you some information and advice
- support you to get information and advice from another organisation
- suggest you have an assessment to identify your eligible needs and how to meet them.

An **assessment** is when someone looks at the things you can do and the help and support you need.

**Eligible for support** means that we have looked at your needs and agree that you need support.

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Find out about support provided by Disability Services

- Learning Disability Partnership (LDP)  
- Young Adults Team  
- Physical Disability Team  
- Sensory Services  
- Autism and Adult Support Service
Learning Disability Partnership (LDP)

The LDP help people with a learning disability to achieve their goals.
They provide health and social care support
And they work with other organisations to support people.

Support provided

- **Daytime support and services**
  Things like supporting you to develop the skills you need to get a job.
  Or to take part in activities, education or college courses.

- **Short term care for you**
  To give your family and carers a break from caring.

- **Short breaks in a family setting**
  This is called the Shared Lives Scheme.
  It provides support in the community, to help you learn how to:
  o be independent
  o interact with other people.
• Support to live in supported living accommodation.
  
or

• Support for people to move into residential care.

• Specialist health support

Young Adults Team

The Young Adults Team is part of the LDP.

They support young people from age 18 until the LDP takes over their longer term support.

This is usually at the end of their education.
Physical Disability Team

The Physical Disability Team support people aged 18 to 75 with a physical disability.

Support provided

- **Support with personal care.**
  Things like washing and dressing.

- **Support for disabled parents.**

- **Support to be part of your local community.**

- **Support to live independently.**
  This is called reablement.

Reablement is short term support to help people look after themselves at home after an illness or operation.

There may be some free aids or equipment to help you live independently.

Or to stop you needing to go into hospital or residential care.
There may be specialist equipment you can use to help you live independently. There may be a charge for this.

An Occupational Therapist can tell you more about specialist equipment.

And they can tell you about changes you can make to your home so you can stay living there.

There may be a cost if you make changes to your home.

- **Help to arrange support in the community.**
  Things like live-in care.

- **Support to find residential or nursing care.**
**Sensory Services**

The Sensory Service Team work with adults who have a sight and/or a hearing loss or impairment.

**Impairment** means something is weak or damaged. For example someone’s eyesight or hearing.

Sensory Services keep a list of people who have a sight impairment, hearing loss or impairment, or dual sensory loss.

**Dual sensory loss** means someone’s sight and hearing are both impaired.

**Support provided**

- Help to access information, services and support.
- Help in your local community.
  For example to access work or training.
- Support and training to help develop skills to live independently.
- Advice on aids and equipment to help you be independent.
• Advocacy

**Advocacy** means supporting a person to understand information and express their needs and wishes.

• Specialist support

We will direct you to organisations who can provide any specialist support you need.
Autism and Adult Support Service

The Autism and Adult Support Service supports:

- People with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- People who are vulnerable and whose needs are not met by other services.
- Young people who do not need social care support before they are 18. But who may need support as an adult.

Support provided

- Social care assessments
- Help to develop support plans
- Support for people in their homes
- Support for carers
- Supported living
- Help to find a residential or nursing home.