

A black and white photograph of a young child with dark hair and bangs, smiling broadly. Their hands are raised to their cheeks, with their fingers pointing upwards. They are wearing a bright blue long-sleeved shirt.

Children and Young People's Disability Register

Lambeth Liberty Card

What is the Children and Young People's Disability Register?

The Children and Young People's Disability Register is a confidential list of names and basic information about children with disabilities, special or additional needs.

The Children Act 1989 required all local authorities to establish a register of children with a disability in their area. This register is then used to assist service planning, to meet the needs of children with disabilities and their families. Children's names are added to the register at their parent's request, and in return parents can receive information about services available in their area.

The information held on the register is confidential. It conforms to the Data Protection Act. Only authorised workers from social care, education and health can access the information, via the Register Coordinator.

Does your child have to be included?

No. Inclusion on the register is voluntary. Your child can be removed from the register at any time. However, we believe most parents and carers will see the benefits and want their child to be included because it will:

- help us to identify the needs of children with disabilities in general and plan appropriate services for them;
- ensure that services across social care, education and health are aware of your child and his/her needs;
- help us to plan for your child's future needs and assist in the transition to adulthood



Will it affect entitlement to services?

No, services are dependent on assessed needs. We do not share any information if you do not give consent. We will only share statistical data to our partner organisations to assist in the development and planning of future services.

Should my child be on the register?

Your child qualifies for inclusion if they meet all of the following:

- they live in Lambeth
- are aged 0 to 18
- have a physical or mental impairment which is likely to have a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

They may be children who need help with the following:

- intellectual development of learning
- communication
- personal and self-care
- hearing and vision
- mobility
- special treatment such as dialysis or medication
- independence appropriate for age, gender, cultural, religious or social circumstances.

What happens next?

If you would like to apply, please contact the Children and Young People's Disability Register Coordinator (details overleaf) for a registration form or download it online on Lambeth's Local Offer page. Once your completed application has been received and assessed, we will confirm registration in writing and send you your Lambeth Liberty Card.

The Liberty Card is a convenient form of ID indicating membership of Lambeth's Disabled Children & Young People's Register. The Liberty Card provides recognition of a disability where not obvious and can help to avoid the need for lengthy explanations when asking for assistance. It will also allow the card holder to receive concessions within the borough and further afield.

Lambeth SEND Local Offer

We are here for children and young people 0-25 years old with special educational needs and disabilities. Our Local Offer provides all of the information, advice and support that children and young people aged 0-25 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) and their families might need to use.

For more information, visit
lambeth.gov.uk/localoffer

For further advice or assistance regarding the register please contact:

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