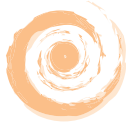


Information for Parents of Children with a Disability



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown
County Childcare Committee



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Introduction to Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee (DLR CCC) is one of 33 County Childcare Committees, which have been established throughout the country by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform under its Equality Opportunities Childcare Programme (EOCP).

The National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP) succeeds the EOCP and is administered by the Office of the Minister for Children under the Department of Health and Children. It aims to provide a proactive response to the development of quality childcare supports and services which will be planned for and developed locally and centred on the needs of the child and the family.

The key task of the committee is to develop and implement a co-ordinated strategy for the provision of quality, affordable and accessible childcare within the county.

Our aims include:

- To assist communities in identifying needs and gaps in service provision and to develop new services to meet these needs.
- To facilitate a coordinated approach to childcare training at all levels.
- To encourage employers to facilitate parent's childcare needs.
- To provide information on grant applications and funding.
- To develop a targeted support strategy for equality, diversity and social inclusion.
- To work with other agencies in order to develop best practice guidelines for quality childcare provision and to enhance a co-ordinated approach to the development of childcare services.

As part of our aim of promoting social inclusion in the childcare sector a sub committee was established to focus on this issue. It was agreed that one of its tasks should be to identify the needs and gaps in childcare information & services for children with disabilities. As part of this process it became clear that there was a lack of information available on the range of supports and services for children with disabilities both locally and in the broader general sense.

In order to address this need we have compiled an updated information booklet "Information for Parents of Children with a Disability".

Where to find help?

Parents

You know your child best and it is important to share any concerns or worries that you may have about your child's development, so it is important to talk to relatives, friends or get professional advice. If you feel worried about any aspect of your child's health or development, you can ask for help from the public health nurse or from your GP. If your child has been diagnosed with a disability it is important to talk to people and get as much information and help from support services in your area and from national organisations.

Stakeholders

If you have concerns about a child in your care, discuss it with his / her parents and get additional information from local support services or national organisations that are listed in this directory. It is important for children to get any help they need as early as possible. Information on local organisations or support groups should be given to parents to support the child in your service.

We hope that this booklet will serve as a useful resource for childcare providers, parents, local voluntary and community groups and all other stakeholders concerned with childcare and children with disabilities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

Disability Databases Unit

The Disability Databases Unit manages two national service-planning databases for people with disabilities on behalf of the Department of Health and Children:

- National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD), established in 1995
- National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD), established in 2002

The disability databases provide a comprehensive and accurate information base for decision making in relation to the planning of specialised health and personal social services for people with intellectual, physical or sensory disabilities.

Health Research Board, Disability Database Division
73 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 234 5000,
Web: www.hrb.ie

SECTION 1

DISABILITY – LEGISLATION & POLICY

This section of the information booklet will provide some information on the legislation and policy issues that relate to children with disabilities and also their parents or guardians.

It will also examine the supports available to children with disabilities & other stakeholders in terms of welfare and in the policy arena.

Disability – A Working Definition

It is important at the outset to define what exactly we mean when we refer to the term 'disability', as it is often a term loaded with different meanings and interpretations. For the purpose of this information booklet when we refer to disability we mean disability as defined in the Disability Act 2005 which states:

“Disability in relation to a person, means a substantial restriction in the capacity of the person to carry on a profession, business or occupation in the State or to participate in social or cultural life in the State by reason of an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment”

Current policy & legislation as it applies to children with disabilities

Education

Individual Assessment

Under the Disability Act 2005, children up to the date of their 5th birthday, with a disability, will be entitled to have their disability, health and education needs independently assessed from June 2007 without thinking about the cost or availability of the services. Your child's assessment must start no later than 3 months after you have applied for it and, when completed, you will receive an assessment report. There will be regular follow-up assessments as needs change.

Contact the Assessment Officer on (01) 236 6200 or at 63 Mulgrave Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. They will answer all queries within 14 days and arrange an assessment of your child's needs within 3 months.

Applications must be made in writing on a standard form which is available from your local Health Office.

Due to a lack of services, a waiting list may become operational where demand for services exceeds supply.

Service Statement

Once your child with a disability has been assessed under disability law, a Liaison Officer working with the HSE will prepare a Service Statement based on the assessment report and taking into consideration the availability of services. This Service Statement will be given to you and it will set out the services you will receive.

Education

Under the Education Act 1998, the Government is obliged to make appropriate education available to everyone, including children with disabilities and those with special needs.

Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004

The Education for Persons with Disabilities Bill was published in July 2003, and subsequently it was re-titled and enacted as the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 (EPSEN). Its main aims are:

- To make further provision for the education of people with special educational needs.
- To ensure that their education takes place, as far as possible, in an inclusive environment.
- To ensure that they have the same rights as everyone else to avail of and benefit from appropriate education.
- To help children with special educational needs to leave school with the skills necessary to participate, to the level of their capacity, in an inclusive way in the social and economic activities of society and to live independent and fulfilled lives.
- To confer certain functions on health boards in relation to the education of people with special educational needs.
- To establish an independent appeals system - the Special Education Appeals Board.

Preschool Education (Birth-5 years)

There is no specific right to education for any preschool child in Ireland. There is an entitlement to certain health services that are related to education for preschool children with disabilities e.g. psychological services & speech and language therapy, the HSE East Coast Area is responsible for providing these services. When the child goes to school the responsibility for psychological services is transferred to the National Education Psychological Services (NEPS). For further information on locating preschools in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown please refer to Section 3 of this booklet.

Primary Education (5-12 years)

Children with disabilities who have been assessed with special educational needs are entitled to a response to their needs, in the form of Learning Support Teachers, Resource Teachers and Special Needs Assistants, Special Classes and Special Schools, Special Equipment and Home Tuition.

Children over 5 years of age with a disability will be given an assessment of needs as soon as possible.

Education Assessment

Under the Education for Persons with Special Education Needs Act, 2004, if your child has a disability an educational assessment can be requested, whether your child is in school or not. Following this assessment, your child will receive an Education Plan that sets out the supports to be provided to help your child to get the most out of learning and school life. Where the assessment identifies health service needs, this information will be sent to the HSE.

Financial Assistance

Carer's Leave Act 2001

This piece of legislation makes it possible for workers to make the temporary choice of becoming carers without loss of employment.

The main points include:

- Employees who take carer's leave will not be entitled to be paid by their employers while on leave but their employment rights are protected for the duration of leave.
- A medical assessment of the person in need of full time care is needed.
- An employee must have 12 months continuous service with their employer in order to be eligible for carer's leave.
- An employee may not be dismissed because they exercise their right to avail of Carer's Leave.
- Carer's Leave may be taken in a block of up to 65 weeks, or in a series of lesser periods not exceeding an aggregate of 65 weeks.

For further information contact:

Employment Rights Information Unit,
Dept. of Enterprise, Trade & Employment,
Davitt House, 65a Adelaide Rd, Dublin 2.
LoCall 1890 201 615

Equality and Rights

In principle, children with disabilities have the same legal, political, social and economic rights as others. However, there may be difficulties in having those rights implemented. The Disability Act 2005 is designed to advance and underpin the participation of people with disabilities in society by supporting the provision of disability specific services and improving access to mainstream public services.

The Equality Authority

The Equality Authority works to eliminate discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity. It provides free confidential information and advisory services to employers, service providers, and individuals on the implementation of the Employment Equality Act, 1998 and the Equal Status Act 2000 and 2004. It deals with queries in relation to equality and discrimination. Additional information can be sourced from:

Equality Authority,
2 Clonmel Street,
off Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 417 3333, LoCall 1890 245 545, E-mail: www.equality.ie

National Disability Authority

This statutory body operates under the aegis of the Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. It assists in the co-ordination and development of disability policy and promotes equality, participation and inclusion. They have just published draft standards for Disability Services. Information on their aims, objectives and activities is available from:

National Disability Authority,
25 Clyde Road,
Dublin 4.
Tel: (01) 608 0400, E-mail: www.nda.ie

Equality Tribunal

The Office of the Director of Equality Investigations –The Equality Tribunal is the impartial forum to hear or mediate complaints of alleged discrimination under equality legislation. It is independent and quasi-judicial and its decisions and mediated settlements are legally binding. The equality legislation prohibits discrimination on 9 grounds - gender, marital status, family status, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race and membership of the Traveller community.

Office of the Director of Equality Investigations,
3 Clonmel Street, off Harcourt Street, Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 477 4100 E-mail: www.equalitytribunal.ie

Data Protection Act 1988 and 2003

The Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 give you rights relating to personal information and impose obligations on data controllers that information held on computer, or in a manual form, as part of a filing system that facilitates ready access to a specific individual's information.

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act an individual, (or in the case of a child, his or her parent/guardian), have the following rights:

- To request a copy of the information held about them on the database. They should contact the Database Co-ordinator in their health board.
- To have any wrong information held on the database corrected or erased.
- To complain to the Data Protection Commissioner if someone ignores your access request, or refuses to correct information about you that is inaccurate.

Office of the Data Protection Commissioner,
Canal House, Station Road, Portarlinton, Co.Laois.
Tel: (057) 868 4757 Locall: 1890 25 22 31
Web: www.dataprotection.ie

Freedom of Information Act 1997 and the Freedom of Information (Amendment) Act 2003

The Freedom of Information Act establishes three statutory rights:

- A legal right for each person to access information held by public bodies.
- A legal right for each person to have official information relating to him/herself amended where it is incomplete, incorrect or misleading.
- A legal right for each person to obtain reasons for decisions affecting him/herself.

Ms Carol McLoughlin
Freedom of Information Officer, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council,
Organisation Development Unit, Level 3, County Hall, Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin.

Public Services

Public services must be “disability friendly”. In other words, all public service bodies, such as the Health Service Executive and County Councils will provide for the needs of all people with a disability.

This means that they will:

- Help people with disabilities to use their services easily.
- Make sure that people with disabilities can get into and around their public buildings. Public buildings must be accessible by 2015.
- Provide information in a way that suits the needs of people with disabilities- for example in Plain English, large print, by phone, by e-mail or in Braille.
- Design their websites so that they match up with the equipment and software used by people with impaired vision.
- Ensure, where possible, that goods and services which they buy can be used by people with disabilities.
- Have an Access Officer to make sure that all of these plans are implemented.

The Equal Status Act also prohibits discrimination (with exemptions) in the provision of goods and services, education and accommodation.

Physical Access to New Public Buildings

Buildings Regulations 2000: Part M – Access for People with Disabilities of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2000 aim to ensure that, as far as is reasonable and practicable, buildings should be suitable for use by people with disabilities. The requirements relate to access and use of buildings, sanitary conveniences and audience or spectator facilities, where appropriate. The full text of this section of the Building Regulations is available at a cost of €3.81 from:

The Government Publications Office,
Mail Order Section, 51 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 647 6000

Where a building is converted into a childcare facility compliance with this regulation is mandatory.

If you feel that any public service is not disability friendly you have the right to complain by contacting the public service body and ask for a copy of it's complaints procedure or contact the Head of the public body. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your direct approach, you can contact the Ombudsman, whose job it is to investigate complaints about the actions of public service providers.

The Office of the Ombudsman is open between 9.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9.15 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. on Friday.

Office of the Ombudsman, 18 Lr. Leeson Street, Dublin 2.

Tel: (01) 639 5600, Lo-call: 1890 223030 Fax: (01) 639 5674

SECTION 2

BROAD SUPPORTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Health Service Executive

HSE East Coast Area
(East Coast Area Health Board)
Block B, The Civic Centre, Main St.,
Bray, Co. Wicklow.
Tel: (01) 274 4332

General Health

The Health Boards are responsible for providing health and community care services to all the population and they also have responsibility for a range of services for children with disabilities. Each Health Board has a Director of Disability Services – refer to Section 4 for further information.

Community Welfare Officers

Community Welfare Officers work from Health Centres in the area to assist individuals and families and advise on eligibility for Health Board benefits and entitlements and provide financial assistance through the provision of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme.

Domiciliary Care Allowance

This is a HSE payment made to the parent or carer of a child with a severe disability. Only the child's means are taken into account. Recipients of a Domiciliary Care Allowance may also be eligible for Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit (see below). The carer is also eligible for a Respite Care Grant which is paid automatically in June of each year.

Application forms are available from your local HSE Office.

Complete Part 2 - The allowance is payable from the date of the child's birth, not from the date of the application.

Carer's Allowance

This is a long term means tested payment for carers on low income who are looking after someone in need of full-time care. You must be in receipt of a full-rate Domiciliary Care allowance when caring for a child under 16 years of age.

Carer's Benefit

This is a short-term payment based on PRSI contributions made to insured people who leave employment temporarily to care for someone needing full-time care. You must satisfy certain conditions.

To apply contact:

Carer's Benefit Section, Social Welfare Services Office,
Ballinalee Road, Longford.

Tel: (043) 40 087 or (01) 704 3000

Or contact your local Citizens Information Office (see section 4).

Incontinence Wear / Nappies

These are available free of charge, following an assessment, to medical card holders and to children with special needs who are over three years of age.

Apply to Local Health Nurse

Long Term Illness Scheme

Anyone who has any of the following conditions can obtain necessary drugs and medicines for the treatment of that condition free of charge:

Mental illness (for people under 16 only) Phenylketonuria*, cystic fibrosis*, haemophilia*, cerebral palsy*, epilepsy, diabetes mellitus, diabetes insipidus, multiple sclerosis, Acute leukaemia, spina bifida* and hydrocephalus*.

* Free hospital in-patient (public ward) and outpatient services are also available free of charge for children (up to 16 years of age) when being treated for the marked (*) conditions.

Forms are available at your local health centre – you complete Part 1 of the form and your G.P will complete Part 2.

Community Care Services

Health Boards have responsibility for provision of Community Care Services. Community Care Services provided by HSE (ECA) for children with disabilities can include:

- Public Health Nurses
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Residential Respite Care
- Residential Services
- Social Worker
- Communication Aids

- Assistive Technology (via Enable Ireland & Central Remedial Clinic)
- Seating Clinic (via Enable Ireland)
- Audiology

Assisted Living

With regards to children this service is provided in the home to assist the parent in the care of a child with a disability. Childcare regulations stipulate that there must be two adults present with a child for this type of service to be provided (One of which can be the parent of the child).

Contact: Mary Humphries

The National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

Tel: (01) 235 5409

Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme (SWA)

SWA supplement payments are considered for people on low incomes who are already in receipt of a social welfare or similar type payment. Your local CWO will advise and assess on entitlements, which can include:

- Fuel allowance.
- Diet supplements (special diet due to a specified medical condition).
- Travel supplement.
- Exceptional needs payments.
- Back to school clothing & footwear scheme.

Community Welfare Services,

Floor 3,

Park House,

North Circular Road,

Dublin 7.

Tel: (01) 882 3497

Medical Card Holders

Under the General Medical Services Choice of Doctor Scheme, persons who have a medical card from the Health Board and their dependents are entitled to general practitioner services, prescribed drugs and medicines, all out-patient and in-patient public hospital services, dental, ophthalmic and aural services and appliances free of charge.

Entitlement is means tested i.e. depending on personal income. Those whose income exceeds these guidelines may qualify for a medical card on medical grounds.

Drug Payment Scheme

The Drugs Payment Scheme allows individuals and families **who do not hold medical cards** to limit the amount they have to spend on prescribed drugs. Under the Drugs Payment Scheme, no individual or family will have to pay more than €85 (limit as of Sept 2006) in any calendar month for approved prescribed drugs, medicines and appliances.

A dependant with a physical or mental disability or illness who cannot look after themselves fully, who lives in the family home and who does not hold a current medical card, may also be included in the family expenditure under this scheme regardless of age. You can use the drug payment scheme in conjunction with a Long Term Illness Book.

Registration forms for the scheme are available from your local Pharmacy or Health Board.

Respite Care Grant

An annual Respite Care Grant (€1,500 in 2007 per person being cared for) is paid by the Dept. of Social & Family Affairs in June each year to all carers in receipt of Carers Allowance, Carer's Benefit or Prescribed Relative's Allowance. The Health Board grants the payments to those receiving Domiciliary Care Allowance and no other carer's payment. The grant is doubled if you are looking after more than one person. The grant is not paid to those receiving a reduced Domiciliary Care Allowance unless the child has spent at least 6 months, in total, of the previous 12 months at home.

Respite Care Grant Section

P.O Box 10085, Dublin2. Tel: (01) 673 2222

Dental, Optical, and Aural Services (Teeth, Vision and Hearing)

The Dept. of Social and Family Affairs under the Treatment Benefit Scheme normally provide the above service. Medical Card Holders and children may be entitled to some services from the Health Board.

Contact the HSE East Coast Area for further details.

Child Benefit

This benefit is paid monthly in respect of all children up to the age of 16 and up to their 19th birthday if they are in full time education or have a physical or intellectual disability or are on a FÁS Youthreach course. Under the new social welfare legislation which recently came into force eligibility for Child Benefit comes under the new 'habitual residency' rule (2 years resident).

Application forms are available in your local Post Office.

Early Childcare Supplement

The Early Childcare Supplement is a State payment to families with children under six years of age. The purpose of the Supplement is to financially assist families with the cost of raising children, providing childcare, etc. Families getting Child Benefit in Ireland will be paid the Early Childcare Supplement for children under six years of age only. Once the child reaches six years of age, the payment will cease. If you are getting Child Benefit, you will automatically get the Early Childcare Supplement.

Mobility Allowance

The Mobility Allowance is a means tested monthly allowance payable by the HSE for people with a severe disability who are unable to walk, but would benefit from a change of surroundings and satisfy the medical and means test conditions.

The allowance is €191 a month at the higher rate. The lower rate (for people who are availing of the Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers Scheme) is paid at €95 a month.

Since July 2002, if you receive a Motorised Transport Grant, having previously received the Mobility Allowance, you will no longer receive the Mobility Allowance. This is because the payment of a Motorised Transport Grant is subject to the condition that the health board will not be called upon at any future date to contribute towards the running costs of the vehicle.

Free Travel

The Free Travel Pass is available to young people over 16 years who are recipients of the Disability Allowance.

Young people who are entitled to free travel are also entitled to have their spouse/partner travel free with them or may be entitled to a Companion pass.

Within the Revenue System

Tax Credits

There are some tax free credits / allowances especially for people with certain disabilities and there are some features of the income tax code which may be of particular interest to you.

Incapacitated Child Tax Credit

This tax credit (€3,000 for 2007) can be claimed by parents if their child has a permanent disability, either physically or mentally. The disability must have arisen before the child reached the age of 21, or while he or she was in full time education.

The Credit can also be claimed in respect of:

- A stepchild.
- A formally/ informally adopted child.
- Any child of whom a person has custody, who is maintained at the person's own expense and who is permanently incapacitated.

A credit may be claimed for each child where more than one child is permanently incapacitated.

Tax Relief for Disabled Passengers

This scheme provides a range of tax reliefs linked to the purchase and use of vehicles by disabled passengers. Under the terms of the scheme you can claim remission or repayment of vehicle registration tax (VRT), repayment of value-added tax (VAT) on the purchase of the vehicle, and repayment of VAT on the cost of adapting the vehicle, up to a maximum of €15,875 for a disabled passenger. If you qualify for tax relief under the scheme you can also claim repayment of excise duty on fuel used in your vehicle for the transport of a disabled person up to a maximum of 600 gallons or 2728 litres per year. In addition, if you qualify under the scheme, your vehicle may be exempt from payment of annual road tax on application to your motor tax office.

You must meet specified medical criteria and have a Primary Medical Certificate to that effect from the Senior Medical Officer in the Health Board.

Applications available from:

Disabled Drivers Section, & Central Repayments Office
Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Freepost,
Coolshannagh, Co. Monaghan.
Lo Call 1890 606 061 Tel: (047) 82800

Allowance for Employing a Carer for an Incapacitated Person

A tax allowance of up to €50,000 (at your top rate) is available where a person is employed to care for a person with a disability including a child. If the employed person is a relative, the tax payer may not also claim the Dependent Relative Tax Credit in respect of their relative.

Home Carers Tax Credit

A tax credit of €770 is available for married couples (taxed jointly) where one spouse works in the home caring for a dependant child/ren (for whom Child Benefit is being paid), a person over 65 or a person who is permanently incapacitated. The income of the carer must not exceed €5,080 in the tax year. A reduced tax credit is given where the income is between €5,080 and €6,880.

Dependent Relative Tax Credit

This tax credit of €80 is given to a tax payer who maintains:

- A relative who has a disability.

No tax credit is given if the income of the relative is above €12,745

Homemaker's Years / Credits

If you gave up work to care full time for a child/ren up to 12 years or an incapacitated child (12) years or over, who needs full time care and attention you may be able to avail of the Homemakers Scheme. This means that such homemaker's years since April 1994 (when this provision was first introduced) may be disregarded in calculating the average contributions for pensions purposes. Register with the Homemaker's Section, Social Welfare Office, Gandon House, Amien Street, Dublin 1 within one year of becoming a homemaker. If you are getting Carer's Allowance or Child Benefit (in your name) you don't have to register. To benefit from this scheme you must have worked and paid PRSI at class A, E, H or S before reaching the age 56.

OTHER RELEVANT SUPPORTS

Disabled Drivers Parking Card

The Disabled Person's Parking Card (with the EU logo) is for people with disabilities, whether they are drivers or passengers and allows them to park in designated areas. You have to have a form completed by the Gardaí and one by the doctor if you do not have a Primary Medical Certificate.

Relevant forms available from:

The Disabled Drivers Association,
Parking Cards Section,
DDAI, Ballindine, Co. Mayo.
Tel: (094) 936 4054 / 936 4266

OR

National Mobility Centre,
Irish Wheelchair Association,
Ballinagappa Road,
Clane, Co. Kildare.
Tel: (045) 861 346

School Transport for Children with Special Needs

Children with special needs enrolled in special schools or special classes in primary schools qualify for special transport. The School Principal applies to the Special Education Section.

For more information please contact:

Department of Education and Science,
School Transport Branch, Portlaoise Road,
Tullamore, Co Offaly.

Dial a Ride

Vantastic Dial a Ride, Centre for Independent living provides a transport service for people with disabilities in Dublin.

Contact:

Dial A Ride: (01) 839 2447 or
Booking Number (01) 839 2449

Local Authority Disabled Persons Grant Scheme

Special Grants are available to adapt houses for people with disabilities. E.g. provision of downstairs toilet, ramps, widening of door openings.

For more information please contact:

The Housing Dept., Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
County Hall, Marine Road, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: 01 205 4700 or
National Mobility Centre, Irish Wheelchair Association,
Ballinagappa Road, Clane, Co. Kildare. Tel: (045) 86 1346

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

There are a large number of voluntary organisations whose aims may include:

- Representation of the interests of particular groups of people with disabilities.
- Promotion of research into a particular disease or condition.
- Provision of various services such as social facilities, and where appropriate help with medical aids and appliances.

There is a comprehensive list in Comhairle's publication '**Directory of National Voluntary Organisations**' which gives details of the many voluntary organisations who provide services for various groups.

It is available from

The Citizens Information Board 1890 777121.

E-mail: info@ciboard.ie. Web: www.citizensinformation.ie

Included in Section 3 are details of some of the main organisations (voluntary, community and statutory) providing services for children with disabilities in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

SECTION 3

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN DÚN LAOGHAIRE-RATHDOWN

Profile of Providers of Childcare to Children with Additional Needs

In general 'main stream' childcare facilities in the county do not have a formalised system of accommodating children with disabilities in their centres. It largely depends on the nature of the child's disability and the resources available to the childcare centres. Most 'main stream' childcare services in the county presently have some children with disabilities attending. Government policy emphasises the importance of integrating children with additional needs into 'main stream' pre-schools and other childcare services.

The Building Regulations of 2000 helps facilitate the process of 'mainstreaming' by stating (mandatory) that all purpose built childcare centres that have been constructed since 2000 must accommodate children with disabilities in the design of the service (in terms of access, internal circulation, induction loops etc....)

Childcare Directory

A full listing of childcare services in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area (notified to the HSE East Coast Area) are available from our website www.dlrcountychildcare.ie or by contacting us by phone at:

[Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee, Tel: \(01\) 236 8030.](#)

Or alternatively you can also contact the HSE East Coast Area Pre-school Inspectors for further information:

Contact either Catherine Fenton on (01) 282 2122

or Deirdre Kelleher on (01) 454 4733.

Childcare Providers

National Childcare Investment Programme (NCIP) 2006-2010 came into effect on 1st January 2007 and will be managed by the Office of the Minister for Children. Pobal (formerly known as ADM Ltd) will continue to manage the day to day running of the programme and Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee will offer advice and support to providers wishing to avail of the funding.

Capital Grants Available:

Private Sector Capital Funding

- Applicants may apply for up to €100,000, towards the capital costs of developing or improving their childcare facility.
- An applicant must provide at least 25% of the total funding required.

Community / Not-for-Profit Sector Capital Funding

- Groups may apply for funding based on a demonstrated childcare need in the area, up to a maximum of €1.2m. The sustainability of the project will be taken into consideration.

Childcare Subvention Scheme (2008-2010)

- The NCIP Community Childcare Subvention Scheme is available to support community based not for profit childcare services to enable them to provide quality childcare services at reduced rates to disadvantaged parents.
- To avail of the scheme, community not for profit childcare services, in addition to providing a quality service, are required to operate an effective tiered fee system, with maximum and minimum fees set at appropriate levels.

Each application is assessed under local need, value for money and capacity of the applicant. Contact Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee for more information or download an Expression of Interest form from our website www.dlrcountychildcare.ie

Specialised Services That Cater For Children Specifically with Disabilities

Name of Group	Contact	Details
Early Language Intervention (ELI)	Monkstown / Bray Tel: (01) 202 0489	ELI runs both a pre-school and after-school programme, both programmes cater for children who have a speech and language delay or disorder as diagnosed by an associated professional. The cost of the Pre-school programme is €595 monthly. For those children who avail of a third-party payment scheme, the monthly rate is €650. The cost of the After School Programme is €750 per 10-week term
Scoil Mhuire Ballyboden	Tadhg O Faoiláin. Tel: (01) 493 1967	A special preschool for six autistic children. Referrals for the preschool are made by Beechpark Services.
Carmona Services	111 Upper Glenageary Rd., Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin Tel: (01) 285 2900	Provide a specialised pre school with multi disciplinary support to 2½ - 5 year olds. An outreach programme for 3-18 year olds is provided to children and families using the service and to preschool, primary and secondary school stakeholders in the form of information and advice.
Scoil na Maighdine Muire	Broad Rise Ballinteer, Dublin 16 Tel: (01) 494 6647	Provides special classes in the National School for children with Autism.
Good Shepard National School	Churchtown, Dublin 14. Tel: (01) 298 9475	This school has a speech and language unit, as well as a speech and language therapist. There is a waiting list and those applying for a place should do so before March of the upcoming school year.
Benincasa	1 Mount Merrion Ave., Blackrock, Co.Dublin. Tel: (01) 288 7066	Benincasa is a special school for children aged 6-14 with learning difficulties and co-existing emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. Children are referred from mainstream school following a psychological assessment. Pupil teacher ratio is six to one.

Name of Group	Contact	Details
Ballinteer Community School	Tel: (01) 298 8216	This school has a speech and language unit. Those applying for a place should do so immediately after Christmas of the upcoming school year.
St. Augustines School	Obelisk Pk., Carysfort Ave., Blackrock Tel: (01) 288 1771	St. Augustines School is a special school which caters for students aged 6-18 with general learning needs. Vocational training is also provided for students. Residential accommodation is available (Monday-Friday).
St. Oliver Plunkett National School	Alma Place, Carrickbrennan Road, Monkstown (01) 280 8824	St. Oliver Plunkett N.S provides classes for children with dyslexic-type reading difficulties. Children can attend the schools for a two-year period. After this two-year period they return to mainstream classes.

Local Early Intervention Services

Name of Group	Contact	Details
Enable Ireland	Sandymount Avenue, Dublin 4. Tel: (01) 269 5355	This service is based in Sandymount but children from the DLR CCC area attend. Enable Ireland's Pre School Services provide a comprehensive range of supports and options for the preschool child. They support children in local preschools as well as providing preschool services in their centres. Enable Ireland runs a specific programme called COSMO for children with dyspraxia or developmental co-ordination problems. It is run by the Occupational Therapy Department at the Enable Ireland Clinic in Sandymount and caters for children in local schools.
The Children's Sunshine Home	Children's Services Tel: (01) 289 3151	The Sunshine House provide step down support (from maternity hospitals), Home Support, Respite and residential services to children with life-threatening and life limiting conditions e.g. profound brain damage and conditions incompatible with life.
Beechpark Services + Special Schools	Setanta and Ballyowen Meadows Special Schools, Stillorgan. Tel: (01) 278 2972	This is a service for children with Autism and Autistic Spectrum Disorders. They also run training courses for home helps and the parents of children with various forms of Autism and interested groups. They also work with child and family centres.
Lucena Clinic	Century Court, Upr. Georges St., Dún Laoghaire Tel: (01) 280 9809	This service caters for children with emotional and behavioural problems. It is an outpatient service and a medical referral is required.
Health Service Executive (HSE) East Coast Area	Southern Cross Business Park, Bagnall Road, Bray, Co. Wicklow. Tel: (01) 201 4200	The HSE East Coast Area provides a range of early intervention services.
St. John of God Carmona Services	Kildarton, 37 Lwr Glenageary Rd. Tel: (01) 230 0612	Provide an early intervention service that caters for children aged 0-5 years. This multi disciplinary service provides information, support, counselling and guidance to families either in their own home or in Kildarton. A specialised pre school with multi disciplinary support is provided to 2½ - 5 year olds.

Name of Group	Contact	Details
St. Michael's House	Headquarters, Goatstown. Tel: (01) 299 0500 St. Raphael's School Upr. Kilmacud Rd., Tel: (01) 288 4188	<p>St. Michael's House provides a range of specialised community based supports and services for children with a learning disability and their families.</p> <p>There aim is to deliver quality services that are influenced and shaped by the needs of the service users and their families. They also have a comprehensive resource centre with information and advice.</p>
Developmental Day Centres	Our Lady's National School, Broadford, Ballinteer. Tel: (01) 493 5154	

National Council for Special Education

The National Council for Special Education was set up to improve the delivery of education services to persons with special educational needs arising from disabilities with particular emphasis on children. The general functions of the Council as set out in Section 20 of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 may be summarised as follows:

- Planning and co-ordinating provision of education and support services to children with special educational needs.
- Disseminating information on best practice concerning the education of children with special educational needs.
- Providing information to parents in relation to the entitlements of children with special educational needs.
- Assessing and reviewing resources required by children with special educational needs.

Special Educational Needs Organisers (SENO's) are now dealing with applications for additional teaching and Special Needs Assistant (SNA) support for children with special educational needs from all schools. They are currently issuing decisions and explaining the reasoning behind these to schools directly.

SENO's deal with the following resource allocation functions:

- Processing applications from all schools for resource teacher support in respect of children with low-incidence disabilities such as moderate general learning disabilities, visual or hearing impairments, physical disabilities or autism, and deciding on the level of support appropriate to the school.
- Processing applications from schools and deciding on the appropriate level of special needs assistant support for children with disabilities.
- Examining applications from all schools for special equipment/assistive technology.
- Examining applications from schools for transport arrangements for children with disabilities and making recommendations to the Department of Education & Science.
- Identifying the appropriate educational setting for individual children with special educational needs.

List of Local Special Education Needs Officers

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown A	<p>Noelle Connelly</p> <p>Special Educational Needs Organiser National Council for Special Education</p> <p>c/o Room 18, St.Helens Education Centre, Meadowvale, Clonkeen, Blackrock, Co.Dublin.</p> <p>(01) 289 8191</p>
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown B	<p>Marie Breen</p> <p>Special Educational Needs Organiser National Council for Special Education</p> <p>c/o Room 15, St.Helens Education Centre, Meadowvale, Clonkeen, Blackrock, Co.Dublin.</p> <p>(01) 289 8150</p>
Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown C	<p>Emma Hodgins</p> <p>Special Educational Needs Organiser National Council for Special Education</p> <p>c/o Room 15, St.Helens Education Centre, Meadowvale, Clonkeen, Blackrock, Co.Dublin.</p> <p>(01) 289 8187</p>

Profile of Family Support/Groups in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Name of Group	DLR Area Contact	Details
Barnardos	Tivoli Terrace, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. Tel: (01) 284 2323	Tivoli Terrace Dún Laoghaire is the regional office and also acts as a Family Support Project which provides a range of services including the following: crèche, preschool, individual work with parents and children, advice and support to community childcare providers. Other Barnardos projects in the area include The Cottage Childcare Project in Dún Laoghaire, Loughlinstown Family Support Project and at Patrick Street Drug Treatment Clinic, Dún Laoghaire. The services are referral based.
Dolman Centre (Autism and related Disorders)	10 Bayview Drive, Killiney. Tel: (01) 282 3584	This group helps provide assistance to parents and carers of children with Asperger Syndrome.
Ease - Start Right	Ann Cannon 13 Clifton Pk, Shankill. Tel:(01) 272 0177	A parent support group for children with 'hidden disabilities' (ADD / Autism). This group is also involved in running information training on hidden disabilities via a group called 'Dolmen Training'.
HADD	Stephanie Mahoney C/o St. Carmicheal House, Nth Brunswick St, Dublin. Tel: (01) 873 5702	A support group for parents and their children who have Hyper Activity Attention Deficit Disorder.
The Dyspraxia Association of Ireland	Siobhan Gallagher. Tel:(01) 295 7125	A parent support group. It also lobbies to ensure there are adequate resources for children with Dyspraxia. One of their support groups meets monthly in the Stillorgan area.

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Name of Group	Contact	Details
Caint	C/o Geraldine Graydon, Killiney Tel: (01) 282 3584	Caint is a parent support group for children with speech and language impairments and their families. It lobbies for improved services and helps parents access information.
The Red Door	Blackrock Tel: (01) 294 3943	This group provides educational and therapeutic services for children on the autistic spectrum. It also provides support and information for parents of autistic children. It is a parent driven group. Each child's individual education programme is delivered under the practice and science of Applied Behavioural Analysis.
Dublin South Junior Arch Club	Pam Robinson Patrician Villas, Stillorgan Tel (01) 278 3229	Dublin South Junior Arch Club provides a secure social environment for people with special needs, their siblings and friends to learn, form friendships and above all have fun. The group meets on most Saturdays during school terms in the hall at Foxrock Church.
P.A.C.T.	Tel: (01) 494 2777	Provide support to parents of children with autism attending Beechpark outreach services including Ballyboden Preschool.
Autism Link	Tel: (01) 853 1000	This service operates on a call back basis from Monday-Friday. Autism Link is a service provided by the Irish Autism Alliance.
National Council for the Blind in Ireland Regional Office	Marina House Clarence St, Dún Laoghaire Tel. 1850 334353	Regional office and Support Centre for individuals and families with sight difficulties.

Other Stakeholders

Name of Group	Contact	Details
HSE East Coast Area	John O' Sullivan Tel: (01) 274 4236	Director of Disabilities, based in Bray.
HSE East Coast Area	Marion Quinn Tel: (01) 201 4200	Director of Child, Youth and Family Services.
Southside Partnership	Disability Worker, The Old Post Office, 7 Rock Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Tel: (01) 209 0610	Co-ordinates the 'Disability Interest Network' (DIN). DIN is a lobbying and support group for people with disabilities.
Carers Association	Carers Association Quninsborough Road, Bray. Tel: (01) 276 1760	Provide support to parents of children with disabilities among other activities. Parents from the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area are involved in this organisation.
HSE South West Area	Angela Buckley Director of Disabilities Tel: (045) 887 100	The SWAHB has responsibility for providing regional Autistic Services, which include Beechpark Outreach Services located in our county area.
NEPS	John Davenport Tel: (01) 283 3028	National Educational Psychological Service, based in Blackrock. Work through schools only provide limited support through families.

SECTION 4

Contact Details

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee
5A Woodpark, Sallynoggin, Co. Dublin.
Tel: (01) 236 8030
Fax: (01) 236 8012
E-mail: info@dlrcountychildcare.ie
Website: www.dlrcountychildcare.ie

Health Centres

Disability Services: Physical and sensory disability services are delivered directly and in partnership with a wide range of voluntary service providers. Initial contacts regarding service provision can be made through the appropriate Community Services office- Tivoli Road. Tel: (01) 284 3579

Dún Laoghaire Local Health Office,
Tivoli Road, Dún Laoghaire.

Tel: (01) 284 3579/ 236 5200

Blackrock Health Centre,
George's Avenue, Blackrock.

Tel: (01) 288 2980/8423

Cabinteely Health Centre,
Meadowvale, Clonkeen Road, Cabinteely.

Tel: (01) 289 6195

Dalkey Health Centre,
Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey.

Tel: (01) 285 9291

Dún Laoghaire Health Centre,
Centenary House, York Road, Dún Laoghaire.

Tel: (01) 280 3335

Loughlinstown Health Centre,
Loughlinstown Drive, Loughlinstown.

Tel: (01) 282 2122

Sallynoggin Health Centre,
Upper Glenageary Road, Sallynoggin.

Tel: (01) 280 0786

Shankill Health Centre,
Lower Road, Shankill.

Tel: (01) 282 0344

Stillorgan Health Centre,
St. Brigid's, Church Road, Stillorgan.

Tel: (01) 217 2918

Useful Information Agencies

Citizens Information Board (formally Comhairle)

Provides information and advice on the broad range of social services

Dublin Regional Office: 7th Floor, Hume House, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Tel: (01) 605 9000, Web: www.citizensinformation.ie

Disability Ireland

An online information service for people with disabilities and special needs, as well as their family and friends,

Web: www.disability.ie

Citizens Information Centres

Provides free confidential and impartial information on all aspects of entitlements and services.

Ballyogan: Ballyogan Resource Centre Outreach
41 Ballyogan Ave, Carrickmines, Dublin 18.
Tel: (01) 295 0563

Dundrum: Unit 2, Level 5, Dundrum Town Centre,
Sandyford Road, Dublin 16.
Tel: (01) 296 0713

Dún Laoghaire: 85/86 Patrick Street, Dún Laoghaire.
Tel: (01) 284 4544

Stillorgan: St. Lawrence's Parish Centre,
Lower Kilmacud Rd., Stillorgan.
Tel: (01) 288 5629

The opening times of the Information Centres vary so please contact your local office for opening hours.

Money Advice & Budgeting Service (M.A.B.S)

Established to help people avail of statutory income maintenance services, through an advice, referral, mediation, counselling and budgeting role. The service is funded by the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs.

Dún Laoghaire: 70b Patrick Street, Dun Laoghaire.
Tel: (01) 230 2002

Dundrum: 1A Upper Kilmacud Road, Dundrum,
Dublin 14.
Tel: (01) 299 0360

A Directory of Support and Services for Children with Disabilities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown

Arthrogryposis Association of Ireland

Support group for parents and children with Arthrogryposis.

Tel: (057) 913 5152

Web: www.arthrogryposis.ie

Carmona Services

Service for children with intellectual disability.

Tel: (01) 285 2900

Caint

Caint is a parent support group for children with speech and language impairments and their families. It lobbies for improved services and helps parents access information.

c/o Geraldine Graydon, Killiney

Tel: (01) 282 3584

Cri du Chat Syndrome Support Group

Provides information and support to parents and children.

c/o David & Mary Lou Girvan, Dalkey

Tel: (01) 235 3535

Down Syndrome Ireland

Down Syndrome Ireland promotes inclusion, equality and choices for people with Down Syndrome and their families.

Tel: (01) 426 6500

Web: www.downsyndrome.ie

Also www.dsdublin.ie

Dyspraxia Association

Aims to raise awareness, ensure adequate resources are available to support the needs of children and families.

Tel: (01) 295 7125

Web: www.dyspraxiaireland.com

Enable Ireland

Sandymount

The centre provides services for children from 0 - 18 years of age who have a primary disability and / or developmental delay.

Tel: (01) 261 5900

Web: www.enableireland.ie

The Friedreichs Ataxia Society of Ireland

San Marino, Mart Lane, Foxrock, Dublin 18.

Tel: (01)289 4788 – Web: www.ataxia.ie

ASPIRE- Asperger Syndrome Assoc of Ireland

Provides support for people with Asperger Syndrome and has developed support, education and training services for families affected.

Tel: (01) 878 0027 – Web: www.aspire-irl.org

Central Remedial Clinic

Services include clinical assessment, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, speech therapy and much more.

Tel: (01) 805 7400 – Web: www.crc.ie

Children's Sunshine Home

Leopardstown Rd.,

Foxrock, Dublin 18.

Tel: (01) 289 3151

Web: www.sunshinehome.ie

Cystic Fibrosis Association of Ireland

Provides support and advice to people with CF and their families, funds medical research, supports specialist CF nursing posts in hospitals.

Tel: (01) 496 2433 – Web: www.cfireland.ie

Dyslexia Association of Ireland

Provides information for parents and teachers, offers psycho-educational assessment and provides tuition.

Tel: (01) 679 0276

Web: www.dyslexia.ie

Dystonia Ireland

Aims to support those with dystonia and their families, educate society, and raise awareness of the condition in order to avoid misdiagnosis.

Tel: (01) 492 2514 – Web: www.dystonia.ie

The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation

Provide home respite for children up to 4 years of age who suffer from severe developmental delay and associated problems.

Web: www.jackandjill.ie

Irish Autism Action

Irish Autism Action is an organisation of parents for parents. We all have first hand knowledge of discovering autism in our families & learning to cope with it.

Tel: (044) 316090

Web: www.autismireland.ie

Irish Society for Autism

Aims to promote the interests of people with autism, raise public awareness and lobby for improved services for children and adults.

Tel: (01) 874 4684

Web: www.iol.ie/~isa1/

Irish Epilepsy Association

249 Crumlin Road,
Dublin 12.

Tel: (01) 455 7500

Web: www.epilepsy.ie

Lennox Gastaut Syndrome

Contact the Irish Epilepsy Association.

Tel: (01) 455 7500 – Web: www.epilepsy.ie

Inclusion Ireland (formally namhi) Promoting the Rights of People with Intellectual Disabilities

National Voluntary Organisation working to promote the rights of people with intellectual disability in Ireland. It is also a co-ordinating body for over 160 organisations providing services and support to people with intellectual disability.

Tel: (01) 855 9891

Web: www.inclusionireland.ie

National Council for the Blind

Provides a range of services to people with visual impairment, including assessment, low vision clinic, psychological support, information on benefits & entitlements, aids and equipment, mobility & rehabilitation training.

Tel: (01) 830 0733 – Web: www.ncbi.ie

Irish Wheelchair Association

Services provided include information; personal assistance; day resource centres; motoring centres; motoring advice & tuition; transport; respite breaks, sport and recreation.

Tel: (01) 818 6472 – Web: www.iwa.ie

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland

Provides support to persons with neuromuscular conditions and their families through the provision of a range of support services.

Tel: (01) 872 1501 – Web: www.mdi.ie

National Association for Deaf People

Provides family support, community information, aids & appliances advice, communication services and training & employment service.

Tel: (01) 872 3800 – Web: www.nadi.ie

National Parents & Siblings Alliance

Umbrella group of parents and friends organisations from around Ireland. The Alliance lobby and campaign for better funding, services and disability legislation.

Tel: (01) 862 4100/087 8570745

Web: www.npsa.ie

People with Disabilities in Ireland

This organization aims to lobby for the rights of people with disabilities in Ireland.

Tel: (01) 872 1744 – Web: www.pwdi.ie

Reach Ireland- The Association for Children with Limb Deficiencies

Provides support and information to parents and the opportunity to share experiences with other parents.

Tel: (01) 835 4953/ (01) 842 7777

Web: www.reach.org.uk

Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland

Provides information, counselling, support and home/ hospital visits through the Family Support Network.

Tel: (01) 872 6338 – Web: www.nfaireland.ie

Prader-Willi-Syndrome Association Ireland

Offers support to families of children with this syndrome.

Tel: (01) 286 8119 – Web: www.pwsai.ie

Rubinstein Taybi Syndrome Support Group

Provides support and information for parents of children with this syndrome.

Tel: (01) 494 1169

Tourette Syndrome Association of Ireland

39 Elderwood Road, Dublin 20.

Tel: (01) 623 0500

Web: www.tsai.ie

Sotos Syndrome Support Group

Provides information and support to families of children with Sotos Syndrome.

Tel: (01) 296 0206

Williams Syndrome Support

Aims to support the parents and families of children/ adults affected by Williams Syndrome. Organises annual outings, meetings and an annual music/ activity camp for members.

Tel: (0909) 643247 – Web: www.wsai.ie

Statutory & Voluntary Services

Disabled Drivers Association

Head Office
Ballindine, Co. Mayo.
Tel: (094) 936 4054/ 936 4266
Dublin Office,
DDA / Shopmobility,
Liffey Valley Shopping Centre,
Quarryvale,
Clondalkin, Dublin 22.
Web: www.iol.ie/~ability

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

County Hall,
Marine Road,
Dún Laoghaire,
Co. Dublin.
Tel: (01) 205 4700
Web: www.dlrcco.ie

Ombudsman for Children

Ms.Emily Logan
Millennium House,
52-56 Great Strand Street,
Dublin 1.
Locall: 1890 654654
Tel: (01) 865 6800
Web: www.oco.ie

Irish Association of Play Therapists

www.playtherapy.ie

Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists

Royal College of Surgeons
St.Stephen's Green,
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 402 2148
Web: www.iscp.ie

Citizens Information Board (formally Comhairle)

7th Floor,
Hume House,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.
Tel: (01) 605 9000
Web: www.citizensinformationboard.ie

Southside Partnership

The Old Post Office,
7 Rock Hill, Blackrock,
Co. Dublin.
Tel: (01) 209 0610
Web: www.southsidepartnership.ie

Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists

29 Gardiner Place,
Dublin 1.
Tel: 878 0215
Web: www.iaslt.ie

National Parents Council- Primary

12 Marlborough Court,
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 887 4034
Helpline: (01) 887 4477 (10-12.30pm)
Web: www.npc.ie

National Council for Special Education

1-2 Mill Street,
Trim, Co. Meath.
Tel: (046) 948 6400
Web: www.ncse.ie

Pobal

Holbrook House,
Holles Street,
Dublin 2.
Tel: (01) 240 0700
Web: www.pobal.ie

CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

The National Centre for Medical Genetics

Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
Crumlin,
Dublin 12.
Tel: (01) 409 6100
Web: www.genetics.ie

Temple Street Children's Hospital

Temple Street,
Dublin 1.
Tel: (01) 874 8763
Web: www.cuh.ie

The National Children's Hospital

Tallaght,
Dublin 24.
Tel: (01) 414 2000
Web: www.thenationalchildrenshospital.ie

Department of Education & Science Special School Listings

(The schools listed below cater for children with disabilities in designated classes or are schools catering for a specific disability)

St. John's National School, Ballybrack, Co.Dublin

Holy Family School, Dunedin Park, Monkstown

Benincasa Special School, 1 Mount Merrion Ave, Blackrock

Scoil Naisiunta an Dea Aoire, Whitehall Road, Churchtown

Our Lady of Lourdes School, Rochestown Ave, Dún Laoghaire

Setanta Special School, Beechpark, Stillorgan

St. Josephs, Tivoli Road, Dún Laoghaire

Scoil Mhuire, Shankill

St. John of God Special School, Glenageary, Co. Dublin

Clochar San Dominic, Dún Laoghaire

Holy Cross National School, Upper Kilmacud Road, Dundrum

Holy Child Secondary School, Sallynoggin, Dún Laoghaire

Scoil Colmcille Senior, Wyattville, Ballybrack

St. Augustine School, Obelisk Park, Blackrock

Archbishop McQuaid National School, Loughlinstown, Dún Laoghaire

Scoil na Maighdine Mhuire, Broadford Rise, Ballinteer

St. Oliver Plunkett Special School, Alma Place, Carrickbrennan, Monkstown

Bibliography & Useful Resource Material

Comhairle (2005) Entitlements for People with Disabilities: Citizens Information Centre. or at www.citizensinformation.ie

Anita Toolin (2002) *An Audit of Local Supports and Services for Children with Learning Difficulties Dublin: Southside Partnership & Blackrock Education Centre.

Southside Partnership & Blackrock Education Centre (2005) *A Guide to Local Supports and Services for Children with Special Education Needs Dublin: Southside Partnership.

*These books are a very useful resource for information relating to children with learning difficulties and special needs. A copy of the book can be obtained from Southside Partnership @ (01) 2090610 or by downloading it from the following link www.southsidepartnership.ie

NCNA (2002) We Like This Place...Guidelines for Best Practice in the Design of Childcare Facilities Dublin: ADM Ltd.

National Disability Authority Building for Everyone

Barnardos (2002) Child and Family Directory Dublin: The National Children's Resource Centre, Barnardos.

Crumlin Citizens Information Centre (2006) Children's Health Rights and Entitlements, Dublin.

Resource Room

There is a resource room located in the offices of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Childcare Committee where you can access the material above along with many other publications related to children with disabilities.

The Following Websites Were Consulted:

www.assistireland.ie	Assist Ireland (products & materials)
www.barnardos.ie	Barnardos
www.comhairle.ie	Comhairle
www.crc.ie	Central Remedial Clinic
www.thechildrensclinic.ie	The Children's Clinic
www.sunshinehome.ie	The Children's Sunshine Home
www.footsteps.ie	Down Syndrome Ireland
www.disability-federation.ie	Disability Federation of Ireland
www.enableireland.ie	Enable Ireland
www.equality.ie	Equality Authority
www.oasis.gov.ie	Government Citizen's Information Website
www.inclusionireland.ie	Inclusion Ireland
www.iwa.ie	Irish Wheelchair Association
www.gov.ie	Irish Government
www.nda.ie	The National Disability Authority
www.pwdi.ie	People with Disabilities Ireland
www.pobal.ie	Pobal
www.revenue.ie	Revenue Commissioners
www.sess.ie	Special Education Support Service

Note to Readers

This information booklet sets out to create an awareness of what is available for children with disabilities within the geographical area covered by DLR CCC. Our information booklet does not claim to cover the wide range of childcare needs and issues and services for children with disabilities in our area. This information booklet is designed as a basic guide and information tool for stakeholders concerned with childcare and children with disabilities.

This information booklet is not intended to be a fully comprehensive source of information on childcare supports and services for children with disabilities in the locality, nor is it a recommendation for any of these services.

Because of the changing nature of service provision, new research and new supports, the information contained in this resource may alter and become out dated.



For further information on childcare services, grants,
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