### Family Services

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Children with Disabilities Team

What does this service do?

Our team is multi-disciplinary and is made up of:

- social workers
- occupational therapists
- a welfare benefits worker
- a transitions worker
- a health development worker
- a Young People’s Practitioner

If you feel that you need support we will need to complete an assessment. A duty social worker will visit you and your family/parents in your home to complete this assessment. They need to meet with you to find out how they can help.

The team provides a range of services including:

- Family support work - Assessments completed jointly by health and social services teams and on-going support provided to families where necessary.
- Welfare benefits advice - Information and advice in applying for a range of disability benefits
- Transition support - Help for young people with the transition to adulthood.
- Occupational therapy - Assessments, aids and equipment to help children live more independently and advice on alterations required in the home.
- Behavioural support - Therapeutic support in the home for families experiencing difficulties managing their child’s behaviour.
- Short term breaks - Care for a disabled child at home or in a different setting to give parents a break.
- Funded play provision/activities for children/young people - Information and advice to help you access local and specialist play services.
- Direct Payments - Money given to parents/carers or disabled young people aged 16+ to purchase the services they want themselves.

Who is this service available to?

We work with disabled children and their families from birth up to the age of 18.

How do you access this service?

All initial enquiries and new contacts about a child with a disability should be made to: Westminster’s Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub and Access Team who will then identify the most appropriate team/service to undertake an assessment of the child or young person’s needs.

To make a referral contact the MASH team on: 020 7641 4000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Children with Disabilities Team
The Medical Centre
7e Woodfield Road
London
W9 3XZ
T 020 7266 7112
Lisson Green
After School

What does this service do?
Lisson Green provides after School sessions take place on Monday – Friday from 3.30pm to 6pm. They provide an exciting and structured and free-play activities in a safe environment, which are delivered by a team of experienced Play Workers. They follow the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum for the children who are under 8 years of age. Lisson Green is awarded a ‘Good’ rating from Ofsted, and the team is led by two Play Leaders supported by a Team Manager.

Who is this service available to?
This service is available for children aged between 4 – 14 years (up to 16 for disabled children).

How do you access this service?
This service is categorised as a universal service, which means that it is available to all children.

How do we ensure the quality of this service?
The centre is inspected by Ofsted under section 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006.

Fees & opening times: £6 per after school session (3.30pm–6pm).
Lisson Green Play Project
12 Bledlow Close
London
NW8 8RT
T 0207 724 3798
E rliving@wspld.org
Lisson Green Playscheme

What does this service do?
Lisson Green playscheme provides a quality play curriculum which extends children’s learning with opportunities for homework support, access to information technology, educational and creative activities and sport and physical activities.
Lisson Green playscheme provides an inclusive, safe, supervised and stimulating play opportunities for all children, allowing them to explore their potential in secure familiar surroundings with high quality resources, good outdoor play space and qualified staff.
Staff are qualified and trained and possess a range of experience and skills to support individuals and groups. Policies, procedures and guidelines are in place to ensure that all children are kept healthy, well and happy.
The play work team are diverse to reflect the many different local communities around Lisson Green and all workers receive Diversity and Equal Opportunities training.

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How do we ensure the quality of this service?
The centre is inspected by Ofsted under section 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006. The centre also engages with clients for feedback on the quality of the service delivered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
Fees & opening times: During school holidays 8.30–6pm, fees at a flat rate of £24.00 per day.
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12 Bledlow Close
London
NW8 8RT
T 020 7724 3798
E rliving@wspld.org
Rainbow Playscheme

What does this service do?

Rainbow play scheme offers a variety of activities for children. These activities include:

- Multi-sensory activities to help develop senses and skills and support to socialisation
- Activities are adapted to each child’s individual needs and include different tactile sensory art activities like clay play, dough modelling, cutting, pasting, gluing/sticking and messy play.
- Regular music workshops with a professional musician
- Regular football sessions with a professional football coach
- The coaches will help children develop their understanding of movement, literacy, language, maths, creativity, knowledge and understanding through play

The playschemes take place between 8am–6pm, Monday’s to Fridays (9.30am–3pm for children with disabilities / special needs)

Who is this service available to?

This service is available for children aged between 2 and 8 years. The inclusive nature of the playschemes works very well as both children with disabilities and non-disabled children are able to learn from each other and enjoy each other’s company.

How do you access this service?

The cost of a playscheme place is £50 per day, however, this cost is included in the fee for regular children who attend the nursery. If your child has a disability, they will need to be referred by the local authority Children with Disabilities Team so that they can attend.

How do we ensure the quality of this service?

The centre is inspected by Ofsted under section 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006.
Setting engages with service users for feedback.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
11 Bravington Road
London
W9 3AB
T 020 8968 2690
**Norwood – Buckets and Spades Short Breaks**

**What does this service do?**

Norwood is a leading charity supporting vulnerable children, families and people with learning disabilities. They employ over 1250 staff and are supported by more than 600 volunteers, operating in London and the South East.

Norwood is ambitious for the people who use our services and we strive to ensure that everyone can live the life they choose, irrespective of their ability.

**What does Buckets and Spades offer?**

Buckets and Spades has a positive impact on the children and young people who use the service. It gives them the chance to:

- Gain some independence away from their families
- Interact with other children
- Improve their confidence and communication skills
- Access a range of exciting activities and outings on a regular basis.

The service has an equally positive impact on their families. It gives them:

- Respite from caring for their child with disabilities
- The reassurance that their child is being well looked after in a safe and caring environment
- The knowledge that their child is having a stimulating, fun time away from the family unit
- Valuable time to spend with their other children away from caring for a child with a learning disability.

**Who is this service available to?**

We are able to offer breaks to children and young people up to the age of 18 with a variety of disabilities including autism and multiple and complex health needs. This includes people who require specialised moving or who behave in a challenging way.

**How do we ensure the quality of this service?**

The centre is inspected by Ofsted under section 49 and 50 of the Childcare Act 2006. The centre also engages with clients for feedback on the quality of the service delivered.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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