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Family Advice

The role of Family Advice Service is to ensure parents and carers receive the right information at the right time in order to help them make the best choices for their disabled child. The experienced team can offer advice on education, EHCPs, benefits, transport, health and financial matters.

The support given includes;

- Telephone advice line
- Parent support groups
- Crisis support
- 1-1 meetings
- Parenting programmes (also offered to professionals)
- Support with statutory assessment and EHC plans.

A Parent Quote from the 2021 Family Advice Survey

“Beams have been vital for our family. We utilise many of the services. Help with school issues and EHCPs, Annual Reviews, support groups, play schemes for some holiday respite, family trips, family advice, many, many things! Our boys wouldn't be in the position they are without Beams.”



We Need Your Help

Every year we need to raise £2 million in order to continue our care services to the most vulnerable in society. We currently have 450 families as members accessing our support and we rely heavily on the local community and businesses for donations.

A regular donation of just £5 would make a big difference to our charity and the children we support.

For more information and to donation please visit www.wearebeams.org.uk/support-us/

Challenge Events

Take part in one of our challenge events including cycling, running or skydiving and raise sponsorship to support our services. See our website for up to date event listings.

Community Fundraising

Host your own event such as a tea party, disco or quiz night or create your own challenge at school or youth group. Our fundraising team can support you to ensure your event is a great success.

Corporate Fundraising

A corporate partnership with Beams is a great way to engage employees. Taking part in challenge events or volunteering can improve staff morale and empower staff.

Leave a gift in your will

Remember Beams in your will and your legacy will help future generations of disabled children.

In Memory Giving

A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful and special way of remembering them. We can support by setting up a tribute fund and supply in memory envelopes for funeral or memorial events.



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A local charity that supports disabled children and their families

The disabled children and young people who access our services will typically have one or more learning difficulties, complex health needs, physical or sensory impairment, challenging behaviour, Autism or severe ADHD.

Our services are divided into 6 key areas;

- Family Advice Service
- Short Break Service
- Dragon's Retreat Respite Unit
- Direct Payment Service
- Brokerage Service
- Payroll Service



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Short Breaks

Our short break service offers a range of leisure activities for disabled children and young people up to the age of 25 years.

We offer

- Specialist holiday play schemes
- Inclusive play schemes
- Day trips
- After school clubs
- Family fun events
- Family support - a commissioned service
- Parties, workshops and theatre trips.

We provide appropriate activities focused on the young person's needs. Above all, we ensure the children and young people are safe and have fun during their time with us.

A short break allows children and young people to make friends and have fun.



Dragon's Retreat Respite Unit

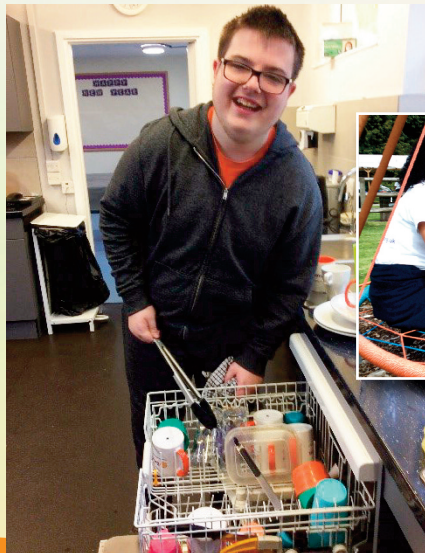
Dragon's Retreat is a residential 6 bedded respite unit, providing overnight short breaks for children and young people up to the age of 18 years.

The young people enjoy a home from home experience developing independent skills whilst, giving the families a break from the 24/7 cycle of care.

We work closely with professionals such as social services, schools and healthcare professionals.

Dragons Retreat is Ofsted registered and facilities include;

- 6 fully equipped bedrooms
- Fully fitted wet room
- Height adjustable hydro bath
- Soft play area with colourful ball pit
- Sensory room
- Secure garden with interactive play equipment
- Communal lounge with large flat screen TV/DVD and computer
- Play room with lots of toys, games console, music and sensory equipment
- Kitchen with height adjustable work surface
- Lift to the first floor and hoists.



Direct Payments

This is a countywide service that helps the parents purchase their disabled child's assessed support needs. Instead of having services organised for them, families are given money via the local authority as a direct payment so they can recruit a PA to care for their child.

A Direct Payment often provides a far greater level of choice, control, and flexibility for families. It allows parents or the young person to decide what care and support they receive and how and when they receive it.

Payroll Service

We can also offer a quality, competitively priced payroll service to pay employees or carers. The service is ideal for parents of a disabled child in receipt of direct payment or small businesses.

Brokerage Service

This service can offer person centered planning for young people reaching adulthood. A Support Broker can assist a young person to write a personalised support plan to enable them to have a voice and be included in the decisions that are made around how they will live their life. This plan could encompass their dreams and aspirations for the future including where they want to live, managing money, what support they will need and what they would like to do with their lives.



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