

Direct Payments

This is a county-wide service that help 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 that they can recruit a PA to help care for the child.

Direct Payments give families:

- Choice on the type of support they get
- More control over who provides the support
- Flexibility over when and where they receive the support

We also offer a Payroll Service to parents in receipt of Direct Payments and to small businesses.



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We need your help

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

See our appeal page at:

www.justgiving.com/wearebeams

Challenge Events

Take part in our events; cycling, running, skydiving, swimming and raise sponsorship to help us provide our services. See our website for up to date events listings.

Community Fundraising

Host your own event such as a tea party, disco, quiz night. We can support you to ensure the event is a great success.

Use one of our collection jar stickers and collect coins. Last year we raised £5000.

Corporate Fundraising

Choose us as your Charity of the Year and our fundraiser will get all employees engaged in fundraising and having team fun.

Leave a gift in your will

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

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Beams is 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 up into 4 key areas.
These are:

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

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Family Advice

The role of the 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 support given is:

- Telephone advice line
- Parent support groups
- Home visits
- Crisis support
- 1-1 meetings
- Parenting programmes (also offered for professionals)
- Support with the statutory assessment process and EHC plans

The areas we help with include:
Health, Education, Transport, Mobility, Financial Matters, and Emotional Support for Parents.

Above all we listen to your concerns and make sure you are heard!



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
- Sibling clubs
- Family support - a commissioned service
- Craft workshops for the family
- Pantomimes
- Celebratory parties

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

A short break can make all the difference



Dragon's Retreat Short Break Unit

Dragon's Retreat is a residential children's home providing overnight care as a short break for children and young people up to the age of 18 years.

We also work closely with professionals such as Social Services, Schools and Healthcare Professionals. Dragon's Retreat is Ofsted Registered.

Our 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, sensory equipment and games consoles
- Kitchen with height adjustable work surfaces
- Lift to the first floor and hoists