

Brent Early Support

For children with a disability or additional needs



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for children, young people and families

What is Early Support?

Early Support is for disabled children from birth to aged five and their families. It coordinates care for children who receive four or more services from professionals in health, social care, education and the voluntary sector. This can include support from professionals working in paediatrics, therapy services and early years.

Your key worker

Early Support is coordinated by a key worker who is the contact between you and the different professionals in health, social care and education who help your child.

Your key worker will support you practically; make sure you are at the heart of decision making and ensure the different services are centred around you and your child. He or she will help you to work with the team of professionals and give you guidance on other support such as information, booklets and training courses.

Your key worker will also be able to tell you more about your child's disability.

If you know the name of your key worker please write in his or her contact details here:

If your child does not receive Brent Early Support and you think it would help, please contact the team.





Brent Portage Service

Portage is a home visiting service for children from birth to the age of four. It is for a child with a disability, additional needs or 'developmental delay'. That means when a child is not progressing as expected in his or her understanding, thinking or physical development.

Portage is one of the services available to you through Early Support. However, it stops once your child starts nursery or school.

Portage workers will regularly visit your child at home before they start nursery or school and help improve your child's confidence, develop skills through play and fulfil their potential. The portage worker will help to develop a child's communication, physical and social skills, and will support you to improve child's learning and development on your own. You will also be given information about portage support groups held at local children's centres.

If you know the name of your portage worker please write in his or her contact details here:

If your child does not receive portage and you think it would help please contact the team. A referral can also be made by a professional working with your child.

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Get the app

The Council for Disabled Children offers an app for your smartphone. The Early Support app provides an easy way for the parents or carers of a disabled child to store share and organise information about their child and the support and services they receive. To download it visit:

www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/earllysupport

Need to contact the Early Support team?

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