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## Community Connections

Do you need support to find activities in your local area for a child or young person with lived experience of disability or a long term health condition?

Our Community Connections service can help you with access to a range of short break opportunities that fit with your child or young person's interests, as well as providing parents/carers with a break from their caring role.

**The three options of support within the service are:  
Information and Advice, Practical Support and Funding.**  
Please see the next page for more information.

## **The three support options are:**

### **Information and Advice**

Support with finding activities in the community that can provide children and young people with an activity and where practical support is not required (such as personal care or medication). We now also signpost to other short break commissioned services and provision which may provide support with personal requirements.

### **Practical Support**

Support for children and young people to attend an activity group that they would like to attend. 1-1 Support would be offered for a time limited period to assist the activity provider to introduce children and young people to the group to make sure they can take part.

This provider support could include access to training, mentoring or guidance to complete support plans and risk assessments.

### **Funding**

Access to funding to pay for an activity which meets the interests of children and young people and provides a short break for parents/carers and siblings.

### **Who can use the service?**

To use the service children and young people must live in Cheshire West and Chester and receive either disability living allowance (DLA Middle or High Rate) or a personal independence payment (PIP Standard or Enhanced Rate) and not receive any funded support from Social Care.

Our Community Connections service is commissioned by Cheshire West and Chester Council.

To use the Community Connections service please visit our website and fill in a register of interest form:

**[www.disabilitypositive.org/service/community-connections/](http://www.disabilitypositive.org/service/community-connections/)**

An Advisor will then contact you to discuss your needs

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