Children with Disabilities Team - Covid-19 Parents Q&A's



Question	Answer
Things were okay, but now we are really struggling. Who should I call?	If your child is open to the Children with Disabilities Service or is in receipt of a short break, you can contact your child's social worker or the Children with Disabilities main email/telephone on: lddservice@wokingham.gov.uk or 0118 974 6890.
	Alternatively, you can make contact with the Customer Service Centre on 01189746000 who will redirect your call.
	If your child is open to social work and there is an emergency outside of office hours (9am-5pm Monday to Friday) you can contact the Emergency Duty Service (EDS) on 01344786543.
	If you are experiencing challenges that are having a significant impact on your ability to provide safe and consistent care for your child or you have a safeguarding concern, then you can contact the Duty Triage and Assessment Team on 01189746000.
I cannot access any short breaks as all the activities my child goes to has stopped, what can I do?	Speak to the Children with Disabilities service about the different ways that you can utilise your short breaks direct payment during this time period.
	Email: david.green@wokingham.gov.uk AND shortbreaksselfassessment@wokingham.gov.uk
	Requests will be considered on an individual basis.
I can't get out to go shopping because my child cannot queue and keeps running off, how can I get food?	Citizens Advice Bureau have developed a Community Hub that links volunteers to families to support them in accessing what the need i.e. shopping, prescriptions etc. Call 03003301189 or email: admin@citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk
And what about medicines?	Keep Mobile can also help. call: 03455 440850 or email: admin@keepmobile.org.uk
Are Transitions to Adult Services still happening? And who do I contact?	Yes. Transitions to adult services are still being progressed in the same way. Please speak to your child's social worker or contact the Transitions Team on 0118974600. Email: TransitionsDuty@wokingham.gov.uk
What do I do if the PA that comes in to help with my child cannot come any more?	If your child is open to the Children with Disabilities Service or is in receipt of a short break, you can contact your child's social worker or the Children with Disabilities main email/telephone on: lddservice@wokingham.gov.uk or 0118 974 6890. They will assist you to think through your options.

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Can we use Direct Payments to pay my teenage son who lives in the same house to help with care of their sister?	No, this is not possible. You can however speak to the Children with Disabilities service about the different ways that you can utilise your direct payment during this time period. Email: david.green@wokingham.gov.uk AND shortbreaksselfassessment@wokingham.gov.uk
What do I do if I get sick? Who will help me with my child/ren?	If your child is open to the Children with Disabilities Service or is in receipt of a short break, you can contact your child's social worker or the Children with Disabilities main email/telephone on: lddservice@wokingham.gov.uk or 0118 974 6890. They will assist you to think through your options.
What do I do if my child gets sick, how do I protect my other child/ren? Especially if they are at greater risk?	If your child is open to the Children with Disabilities Service or is in receipt of a short break, you can contact your child's social worker or the Children with Disabilities main email/telephone on: lddservice@wokingham.gov.uk or 0118 974 6890. They will assist you to think through your options. You should also continue to follow guidance as in relation to hygiene, isolation and shielding practices as laid out by Public Health.
Things getting out of control and abusive with all the stress in our house and I am really scared. What can I do?	Services for safeguarding children remain in place and operational. Should you have concerns about the safety and well-being of your children, you can contact the Duty Triage and Assessment Team on 01189746000. The following can also help: Berkshire Women's Aid 0118 950 4003 www.berkshirewomensaid.org.uk National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 801 0327 www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk Men's Advice Line 0808 801 0327 www.mensadviceline.org.uk