Disability Services

Enabling people with a disability to lead a full and independent life and to put them in control of the care and support they receive.
Information for people who have:

- a learning disability
- a physical disability
- sensory loss or impairment
- a caring responsibility

What happens when I get in contact?

- you may be offered some immediate information and advice
- we may support you to get information and advice from other people and organisations
- we may suggest you have an assessment to identify your care and support needs and how these might be met.

Learning Disability Partnership (LDP)

The Cambridgeshire Learning Disability Partnership (LDP) includes specialist social care and community health professionals. We help people who have a learning disability and are aged over 18.

There are different criteria for specialist health support and social care:

- to receive health support you need to meet the criteria of a learning disability
- to receive long term social care support you need to meet social care eligibility criteria.

With the right kind of help everyone with a learning disability is capable of achieving his or her realistic goals.

We work with a range of independent and voluntary sector partners to provide care and support for people with a learning disability looking for daytime support, respite care, home care, supported living accommodation, and specialist health support related to the needs of the person with a learning disability. There is also an in-house service.

Day services

- We offer specialist services for people in order to meet a wide range of needs.
- We support people to develop the skills for and access to paid employment.
- We facilitate access to meaningful activities for people with learning disabilities.
- We support people who want to take part in community education or college courses.

Short-term residential care

We can provide opportunities for short breaks to enable relatives and carers to have a break.
Shared lives scheme
We can provide the opportunity for short breaks within a family setting and support adults within their communities to learn how to be independent and interact socially. We can also support people in a permanent placement.

Supported living
Where a person moves away from their family to live in their own home, we will make sure they have enough support from professional care staff to ensure they are not at risk.

Residential care
We support people into residential care if this is deemed as the most appropriate way to meet their assessed needs.

Physical Disability Team
The Physical Disability Team provides services to people aged 18 to 75. We may support people with:
- personal care – things like washing and dressing
- meals
- supporting disabled parents
- social inclusion

We aim to keep people living at home and in their communities for as long as possible.

Reablement (Living independently)
We may provide a programme of reablement; short-term support to help people look after themselves and live independently at home following an illness or operation. Support is tailored to individual needs to help people learn or re-learn the skills needed for daily living.

Support in the community
We may help you to access and arrange support in the community, including live-in care.

Residential and nursing home care
If we are unable to support you within the community we may support you to find a residential or nursing home to meet your assessed needs.
Equipment to aid independent living
The assistive technology telehealthcare team may provide free equipment to help you to live more independently and where possible prevent you needing hospital or residential care.

Occupational therapy service
If you have a needs assessment this may be carried out by an occupational therapist (OT), who may also tell you about specialist equipment you can use at home to enable you to be more independent, or provide advice on adapting your home.

Blue Badge scheme
Parking concessions may be available to disabled people who qualify for a blue badge.

For information and to apply or re-apply for a blue badge visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/bluebadges or call 0345 045 5204.

Sensory Services
Sensory Service work with adults who are deafblind, deaf, hard of hearing, severely sight impaired, sight impaired or experiencing visual loss.

Sensory Services are responsible for keeping a register of severely sight impaired and sight impaired people in Cambridgeshire. We also keep a register for people with dual sensory loss and people who are severely hearing impaired.

Information, services and support for people who are severely sight impaired or sight impaired

- access to the environment
- mobility and orientation training
- independent living skills
- lighting and advice on low vision aids
- communication
- access to benefits and entitlements
- advocacy
- access to work or training opportunities
- referral to specialist provider agencies who may be able to offer further support and advice focused on the particular needs of your carer.

Information, services and support for the deaf and people with hearing loss

- equipment
- communication
- literacy support
- advocacy
- access to work or training opportunities
- direct access to services in British Sign Language or Sign Supported English
- referral to specialist provider agencies who may be able to offer further support and advice focused on the particular needs of you or your carer.

Information, services and support for people with dual sensory loss

The services listed above are offered. You may also be referred to a dual sensory loss specialist within the team who will work with you to ensure your needs are fully assessed.
Autism and Adult Support Service

This service is for people who don't have a prominent disability such as a learning disability, physical disability or a mental health need.

The autism and adult support team support people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and people, who meet eligibility criteria, who may be considered vulnerable in their communities but do not have a diagnosis meaning their needs could not be met by other services.

We provide:

- social care assessment and review
- assistance to develop support plans
- support for people in their own homes
- support for carers
- supported living
- residential and nursing home placement.

We also support young people with ASD, physical disability, and others who may be vulnerable who do not need social care support before the age of 18 but are likely to need support from adult social care.

Where can I find details of local services and support?

We have a directory of local and national services and organisations who offer support. You can search the directory using your postcode or town, or the type of service or support you are looking for.

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupportdirectory

Where can I get information and advice about care and support?

- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupport
- visit any Cambridgeshire library
- careinfo@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- 0345 045 5202

Carers

Carers provide unpaid support to an adult family member or friend who could not manage to live independently, or whose health would deteriorate, without this help. This may be due to frailty, disability, a health condition or substance misuse. If the person you care for is aged 18 or over you may be able to get more help to carry on caring and look after your own wellbeing. Contact Carers Trust Cambridgeshire Tel: 0345 241 0954 email: care@carerstrustcambridgeshire.org

We welcome your feedback

If you have something to say about adult care and support (compliment, comment or complaint) please tell us:

- www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/customercare
- customercare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- 0345 045 5202
- speak to any member of staff