

How to apply

You can apply by completing a simple registration form. To obtain a form please call Bedford Borough Local Offer Team on 01234 228693 or email localoffer@bedford.gov.uk. Alternatively you can complete the e-form located on our SEN and Disability Guide at <https://sendguide.bedford.gov.uk/careandsupport.aspx>

If there are changes in your circumstances, it would be helpful if you could let us know either by emailing localoffer@bedford.gov.uk or telephoning 01234 228693.

Please note that membership to the Register does not give an automatic entitlement to services.

Bedford Borough SEN and Disability Guide

Bedford Borough's SEN and Disability Guide is Bedford Borough's local offer. Our local offer sets out, in one place, the support and services available for children and young people with disabilities and special educational needs and their families.


We are continuing to work with families, and people who work with them, to develop the local offer in Bedford. Please take a look at our website, <https://sendguide.bedford.gov.uk> to discover provision and support available.

If you do not have access to the internet then please contact us on 01234 228693 and a member of the team will be happy to search the directory on your behalf.


Finding out more

If you would like further copies, a large-print copy or information about us and our services, please telephone or write to us at our address below.

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Bedford Borough's Register for Children and Young People with Disabilities



About the Register

The Register is a record of children and young people living in Bedford Borough who have a disability or additional need, aged 0-25 years.

If you are aged 18-25 or are a parent or have parental responsibility for a child with a disability or additional need, you can add your/their details to the Register by completing our simple registration form.

Each authority is required under the Children Act 1989 to have a Register and this is strictly confidential.

Why should I register?

- A membership card will be issued to each child or young person on the Register. Parents/carers have told us that the card has helped in getting assistance and understanding for their child in many different situations. It can also be useful for leisure venues and attractions which may give you priority access or other benefits.
- You will have the opportunity to be involved in consultations in your area about existing or new services for children with a disability or additional need.



Should I/my child be on the register?

Any child or young person aged up to 25 years who has a disability or additional need that has a 'marked impact on their daily life' can be registered. This might include, but is not limited to, conditions that affect:

- Learning
- Physical ability
- Sight
- Hearing
- Mobility
- Communication
- Interpersonal / social skills
- Behaviour
- Long-term health, including terminal sickness
- Undiagnosed medical conditions

If you are unsure whether or not you should register yourself or your child please contact the Local Offer Team on 01234 276054.

Do I have to register?

No, it is your choice whether or not to register yourself or your child. You do not need to be on the Register to receive services you are entitled to.

However, we would encourage you to register, as the information you provide will help us to ensure we are providing and developing the right services for children with a disability or additional need in Bedford Borough.

You will also be sent information on services that we feel may benefit you or your child.



What information is held?

The information we keep about young people and children will include their name, address and date of birth, as well as an outline of their disability or additional need.

Only general information will be shared with partner agencies to help us plan services. All personal information on an individual and their family is kept confidential.

We will contact you every two years to check that the details we hold are up-to-date. You can remove your/your child's details from the Register at any time.