

Caring for a Child with a Special Need or Disability

A third of the carers on our mailing list are caring for a child under the age of 18 who has a special need or disability. It may have taken you a long time to recognise yourself as a carer because, like all parents, you expect to provide care for your child. However, as well as all the usual obligations of parenthood you may have to do a lot of other things such as: nursing and medical care, supervising your child more closely to ensure their safety, encouraging your child to carry out exercises prescribed by a physiotherapist or speech therapist, taking your child to hospital appointments and obtaining necessary equipment and services. You may also have difficult decisions to make about the kind of school your child goes to and you may worry more than other parents about your child's education.

This factsheet gives details of organisations and services that can help you, including local parent support groups. If you cannot find what you are looking for in this factsheet please contact us (see opposite page for contact details).

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Advice, Information and Emotional Support

The Carers' Information Service provides information and support for carers who live in Croydon or who care for someone who lives in Croydon. If you cannot find the help you need in this factsheet please contact us (see inside front page for contact details).

Contact a Family

Tel: 0808 808 3555

Web: www.cafamily.org.uk

- Provides information and a range of free factsheets for families caring for a child with a disability. There is also a linking service to enable parents to meet one another at www.makingcontact.org.

Early Support Programme for Disabled Children

Tel: 07799 471428

Email: liz.hughes@croydonpct.nhs.uk

- Practical and emotional support for families with a child with complex needs aged five and under who receives, or is likely to receive, support from more than four different services. This is part of a national programme – for more details visit www.earlysupport.org.uk

Face 2 Face

1-8 Ramsey Court, 122 Church Street, Croydon CR0 1RF

Tel: 020 8667 0207

Email: contact@croydon-homestart.co.uk

- Confidential one-to-one befriending service to provide parents with emotional support following their child's diagnosis or during a difficult time.

Home Start Croydon

1-8 Ramsey Court, 122 Church Street, Croydon CR0 1RF

Tel: 020 8667 0207

Email: contact@croydon-homestart.co.uk

- Home-visiting befriending scheme offering emotional and practical support to families under stress with at least one child under five.

One Parent Families

Tel: 0800 018 5026

Web: www.oneparentfamilies.org.uk

- Helpline and factsheets for lone parents, and specialist advice service for lone parents caring for a child with a disability or long-term health problem.

Welcare in Croydon

56a Mitcham Road, Croydon CR0 3RG

Tel: 020 8688 5151

Web: www.welcare.org

- Information, advice, advocacy, practical support and counselling for parents experiencing family difficulties.

Working Families

Tel: 0800 013 0313

Web: www.workingfamilies.org.uk

- Free advice on tax credits, flexible working and rights at work. The 'Waving not drowning' project has a dedicated helpline for parents who work and who have a child with a disability on 020 7253 7243.

Young Carers Support Project

Courtyard House, 1d Church Road, Croydon CR0 1SG

Tel: 020 8649 9339 option 2

Web: www.carerscontactline.co.uk

- Support for young people aged 6-18 who care for someone in their family, including advocacy, days out, activity holidays, a youth club and learning support club.

Financial Help

If your child has a physical or learning disability or long-term illness and needs more care than a child of the same age without a disability or illness, they may be entitled to the care component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). If they need help with getting around they may be entitled to the mobility component of DLA. If your child receives the middle or highest rate of DLA care component and you do not earn more than a certain amount, you may be eligible for Carer's Allowance.

There are a number of charities and trusts that offer grants to families with a disabled child to help pay for equipment, essential household items and holidays – see our factsheet *Grants* for more details. Please note that some organisations ask for applications to be made by a health professional or support worker.

Croydon Welfare Benefits Advice Line

Welfare Rights Team, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 2BA

Tel: 0800 731 5920

Email: Carole.Webster@croydon.gov.uk

- Includes a benefit advice service specifically for children, their families and carers, anywhere in the Croydon area. Can help with application forms and do home visits if needed. Interpreters and translators can be provided.

DWP Benefits Enquiry Line

Tel: 0800 88 22 00

Web: www.dwp.gov.uk

- Advise on eligibility for benefits and send out claim forms. Can help fill in forms but there may be a waiting list.

Croydon Council Tax and Benefits Contact Centre

Municipal Offices, Fell Road, Croydon CR9 1BQ

Tel: 020 8726 7000

Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- If your child is substantially and permanently disabled your home may qualify for the Disabled Band Reduction Scheme if there is enough space for your child to use a wheelchair indoors (if they need to do so), or if there is an additional bathroom or kitchen for them, or another room used mainly by them. Your existing council tax band would be lowered to the band below and this would reduce your bill.

The Family Fund

Tel: 0845 130 45 42

Web: www.familyfund.org.uk

- Grants for families who care for a child with a severe disability or illness up to and including the age of 16, to pay for domestic appliances, holidays, leisure activities, driving lessons, bedding and clothing. Earnings limits apply.

Register for Children and Young People with Disabilities

Register Services, Orchard Hill, Fountain Drive, Carshalton SM5 4NN

Tel: 020 8770 8237

Web: www.registerservices.nhs.uk

If you register your child you will receive an 'I Count' card that will enable you to get discounts at various tourist attractions.

Health

Children over three who have a disability or medical condition that means they are not yet toilet trained, or are not able to be, can get free nappies from Community Continence Services – your health visitor can refer you. If you have any problems finding or accessing any health services contact Croydon Primary Care Trust Patient Advice and Liaison Service (see details below).

Croydon PCT Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

12-18 Lennard Road, Croydon CR0 2RS

Tel: 020 8274 6333

- Information about local health services, including pharmacies and opticians, and support for anyone having difficulty locating or accessing health services.

Children's Hospital at Home Team

Morland Road Clinic, 6 Morland Road, Addiscombe, Croydon CR0 6NA

Tel: 020 8656 6722

- Nursing care for children with complex continuing health needs or requiring palliative or terminal care.

Equipment

Croydon Wheelchair Service can provide wheelchairs and major buggies to disabled children following a referral by their GP. The Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy teams can provide other specialist equipment when needed, but will also require a GP referral. Equipment can also be purchased privately – for more information about equipment providers see the chapter on How To Get Equipment in the How To Guide.

Action for Kids

Tel: 0845 300 0237

Web: www.actionforkids.org

- Provides mobility aids for young people under 26 who have a disability that prevents them from getting around or significantly affects their life in another way.

Fledglings

Tel: 0845 458 1124

Web: www.fledglings.org.uk

- Free product search service to locate toys, clothing, developmental aids and other items which may stimulate the child's development or give relief to the carer.

Medical Engineering Resource Unit

8 Damson Way, Orchard Hill, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 4NR

Tel: 020 8770 8286

Web: www.meru.org.uk

- Provides custom-made equipment that is not available elsewhere for children and young people up to the age of 24 with disabilities.

Social Information on Disability

Tel: 0800 04 39 39 5

Web: www.asksid.org.uk

- Buy or sell children's disability equipment on-line.

STEPS: Developmental Adapted Toy and Switch Library

Tel: 01803 294801

Web: www.stepscharity.org

- Free loan service of adapted toys to physically disabled children under 16.

Whizz- Kidz

Tel: 020 7233 6600

Web: www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

- Provide essential mobility equipment to disabled children.

Clubs and Activities

Carers and children with disabilities can often get discounts on entrance fees to major tourist attractions so it's always worth asking when you book or buy your tickets. Many attractions have a carer goes free policy, including the London Eye and London Zoo.

You may need to show proof of your child's disability, such as a Freedom Pass or the 'I Count' card (see page 3).

ADHD Football Club

Victoria House, Southbridge Place, Croydon CR0 4HA

Tel: 020 8686 0393

Email: alison.whyman@croydon.gov.uk

- Takes place at Croydon High School on Saturdays for children with ADHD.

Boomerang Youth Club

Purley United Reform Church, 906a Brighton Road, Purley CR8 2LN

Tel: 07990 790183

- For young people aged 11 – 19 with learning difficulties and/or additional needs, and their friends. Meets on Thursdays from 7.15 – 9.30 pm.

Children's Disability Saturday Club & Holiday Activity Scheme

Croydon Council, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3JS

Tel: 020 8726 6400

Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- For children aged 4 - 18 with a physical or learning disability or severe autism who have been assessed by Croydon Council's Children with Disabilities Team as needing this service.

Cinema Exhibitors' Association Card

Tel: 0845 123 1292

Web: www.ceacard.co.uk

- Children receiving Disability Living Allowance are eligible for this card which costs £5.50 and allows free entry to their carer.

Crossroads Saturday Club

410 Brighton Road, South Croydon CR2 6AN

Tel: 020 8688 4499

- For children with a physical disability aged 8-18. Parents can refer.

Croydon Mencap Youth Club

60-61 Leslie Park Road, Croydon CR0 6TP

Tel: 020 8662 9201

Web: www.croydon.cswebsites.org

- Youth club for young people aged 12 -18 with learning disabilities. Takes place at Parchmore Centre, Thornton Heath on Thursday evenings during term time.

Croydon Online

Web: www.croydononline.org

- Website giving details of local organisations, activities and clubs. Includes the *Leisure Link* newsletter with information on leisure opportunities for children and young people with learning disabilities.

Croydon Sports Development Team

Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3BT

Tel: 020 8760 5592

Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- Sports activities and coaching for young people, including those with disabilities, aged 8 or over at a variety of venues across the borough.
- Three swimming clubs in Croydon exclusively for young people aged 8 – 19 with disabilities or special needs. For all levels, from beginners upwards.

Cycling for All

Croydon Sports Arena, Albert Road, South Norwood, London SE25 4QL

Tel: 020 7346 8482

Web: www.cyclingforall.org

- Children with disabilities and balance problems can use tricycles and adapted bicycles at Croydon Sports Arena on Monday and Saturday mornings.

Enterprise Swimming Club

Purley Swimming Pool, 50 High Street, Purley CR8 2AA
Tel: 020 8644 4851

- Club for disabled children and adults at Purley Swimming Pool on Friday evenings. Membership form must be signed by GP.

Fabulous After School Club

Waddon Youth Centre, 85 Waddon Way, Waddon CR0 2LG
Tel: 07990 790183

- For young people with learning difficulties and other special needs. Meets on Tuesdays from 3.30 – 6 pm.

National Autistic Society Clubs

Mansfield House, 1A Mansfield Place, South Croydon CR2 6HP
Tel: 020 8662 4663 Email: mellissa.gordon@nas.org.uk

- Clubs for children and young people with an autistic spectrum disorder: a youth club for 11 – 18 year olds meets every other Saturday from 10 am – 1 pm and a social skills club for 15 – 19 year olds meets on Monday evenings. Play scheme for 5 – 11 year olds and their siblings, a trampoline club for 5 – 13 year olds and a computer club for 14 – 18 year olds.

Philip Game Youth Club

Sir Phillip Game Centre, 38 Morland Avenue, Addiscombe CR0 6EA
Tel: 020 8662 5752

- For young people with disabilities or special needs aged 13 – 19. Meets every other Thursday from 6.30 – 8 pm.

Saturn V Trampoline Club

The Rebound Hall, 1 William Road, Caterham CR3 5NN
Tel: 08454 30 20 31 Web: www.saturnv.co.uk

- For children and adults with disabilities and special needs.

Spectrum

Tel: 07976 912915 (Anita) or 07906 276202 (Paul)

- Arts and leisure activities in Croydon for young people with disabilities or special needs and their families. Includes Drama Club, Dance Club, Smart Arts Club, Allotment Club, Champions Youth Club and Junior Champions.

SureStart Sensory Room

89 London Road, Croydon CR0 2RF
Tel: 020 8649 8441 ext 206 Email: lhsurestart@btconnect.com

- Sensory room can be booked for a free one-hour session by families with a child with a disability living anywhere in Croydon.

Treetops

Geoffrey Harris House, Coombe Road, Croydon CR0 5RD
Tel: 020 8688 3263 Web: www.croydon.cswebsites.org

- For children aged 5-12 with learning disabilities run by Croydon Mencap. Runs after school and on Saturdays during term time, and also in school holidays.

Waggy Tails Club

Emmanuel Church Hall, Normanton Road, South Croydon CR2 7AF

Tel: 020 8651 6728

- Young people with special needs aged 10 – 17 can train dogs. Meets on Wednesdays at 4.30 pm during term time. No dog necessary.

Whitgift SNAP

C/o Whitgift School, Haling Park, South Croydon CR2 6YT

Tel: 020 8405 6933 Web: www.whitgiftsnap.org.uk

- The Crocodile Scheme runs for two weeks during the summer holidays. It is for young people aged 5 –19 who live in Croydon and have a physical and/or learning disability, and may be offered up to five days on the scheme. Applications must be submitted by the end of April.

www.yourlocalcinema.com

- This website gives details of where subtitled and audio described screenings of current films are being shown.

Respite

It is important to take regular breaks from caring for your own wellbeing. Where possible, ask other family members to take a turn and get help from organisations and social services. For more information about getting help from social services see our factsheet *Carer's Assessments*. For details of companies and organisations that provide holidays for children with disabilities and respite for you, see our factsheet *Holidays*.

Croydon Council Social Services

Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3JS

Tel: 020 8726 6400 Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- A specialist team for disabled children and young people under 18 who live in Croydon and have a permanent and substantial disability. Ask for an assessment for your child – they may be eligible for short breaks, residential and domiciliary care, a holiday playscheme and a Saturday Club. Don't forget to ask for a Carer's Assessment for yourself.

Family Information Service

10 Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1JU

Tel: 0845 11 11 100 Web: www.croydonchildcare.com

- Details of day nurseries, out of school clubs and pre-school playgroups.

Croydon Crossroads

410 Brighton Road, South Croydon CR2 6AW

Tel: 020 8688 4499 Email: mail@croydoncrossroads.org.uk

- Up to eight hours a month of alternative care may be available to families who do not receive any services from Croydon Social Services.

Croydon Childminding Networks

Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XT

Tel: 020 8604 7586 Email: claire.treacy@croydon.gov.uk

- Details of childminders who can look after children with special needs.

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

If your child has disabilities or special needs that make it harder for them to learn than other children of the same age, they may need extra help at school, nursery or college. It is important that you speak to the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO)

or the Head Teacher at your child's school if you have any concerns about their progress. You can get further advice and support from Network 81, Croydon Parent Partnership and the other helplines listed below.

Croydon Council Special Educational Needs Section

Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3JS

Tel: 020 8726 6000 ext 62394

Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- You can ask the Education Department to carry out a Statutory Assessment that could lead to a Statement of Special Educational Needs. A Statement describes the support that your child requires to enable them to access the curriculum.

Connexions

112-114 High Street, Croydon, CR0 1ND

Tel: 020 3354 2000

Web: www.cfbt.com/wayahead/southlondon.aspx

- Information, advice and support for 13-19 year olds (up to 25 years if they have special educational needs) on education, training and careers.

Croydon Opportunity Pre-Schools

Gilbert Scott Opportunity Pre-School, Farnborough Avenue, Selsdon CR2 8HD

Tel: 020 8916 0542 (school reception)

Web: www.croydonopportunitygroup.org

- Pre-school facilities for children with special needs and their siblings.

Croydon Parent Partnership Service (PPS)

Leon House, Room 36, 217 High Street, Croydon CR9 1LJ

Tel: 020 8688 8288

Web: www.croydonpps.org.uk

- Information and advice on all aspects of special educational needs, including help with the statementing process.

Department for Education and Skills (DfES) Publications Centre

Tel: 0845 602 2260 (option 4)

Web: www.dfes.gov.uk

- Supplies free copies of the SEN Code of Practice, and other useful publications such as *Special Educational Needs (SEN) A Guide for Parents and Carers* (also available from the Carers' Information Service).

Hospital and Home Tuition Service

The Phil Edwards Centre, 17 Sylvan Road, Upper Norwood SE19 2RU

Tel: 020 8771 5603

- Advice line for parents of children aged 5-16 who miss school due to long-term illness or frequent admissions to hospital.

Portage and Early Childhood Team

Leon House, 233 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XT

Tel: 020 8726 7401

Email: denise.little@croydon.gov.uk

- Home teaching service for pre-school children with special needs.

National Helplines:

The Advisory Centre for Education (ACE)

Tel: 0808 800 5793

Web: www.ace-ed.org.uk

- Independent advice for parents of 5-16 year olds in state funded education. Information relating to special educational needs, bullying and exclusions.

Independent Panel for Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

Tel: 0800 0184016

Web: www.ipsea.org.uk

- Independent advice to parents of children with special educational needs.

Network 81

Tel: 0870 770 3306

Web: www.network81.org

- Information and advice on provision for children with special educational needs.

Office for Advice, Assistance, Support and Information on Special Needs (OAASIS)

Tel: 01590 622880

Web: www.oaasis.co.uk

- Information and support service for parents and professionals on educational issues and the statementing process, specific conditions and support groups.

Parents for Inclusion

Tel: 0800 652 3145

Web: www.parentsforinclusion.org

- Supports parents of children with special educational needs who have concerns about their child's inclusion in school.

Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities

Tel: 0800 328 5050

Web: www.skill.org.uk

- Information, advice and publications for young people and adults with any kind of disability in post-16 education, training or employment.

Courses for Parents

As well as an opportunity to learn about things that will help you and your family, you will also meet other parents for mutual support and friendship.

12-2 Club

Woodside Health Centre, 3 Enmore Road, South Norwood SE25 5NT

Tel: 020 8274 6900

- A ten week course for parents on Thursdays with free creche and lunch, and transport from certain areas. It is held at the Heshima Family Support Centre.

ABC Behaviour Project

Victoria House Pupil Referral Unit, Southbridge Place, Croydon CR0 4HA

Tel: 020 8686 0393

- A 12-week programme to support parents with a child aged 3-5 with challenging behaviour. There may be a waiting list.

Early Bird

Tel: 020 8604 7255

- Early Bird is a twelve-week programme for parents with a child up to the age of five with autism. It includes home visits and sessions at Castle Hill School. For more information leave your details at this number and someone will get back to you.

Early Bird Plus

Castle Hill School, Dunley Drive, New Addington CR0 0RJ

Tel: 01689 849915

- A ten-week programme for families of children aged 4-8 with autism.

Parentline Plus South London

Cornerstone House, 14 Willis Road, Croydon CR0 2XX

Tel: 020 8689 2252

Web: www.parentlineplus.org.uk

- Parent groups and individual support surgeries at venues across Croydon.
- Free helpline for parenting issues and problems on 0808 800 2222.

Support Groups and Social Groups for Parents

Going to a support group is a great way to meet other parents and share your experience of caring for a child with a disability or special needs.

Beulah Family Church Parent Support Group

Beulah Crescent, Thornton Heath CR7 8JL

Tel: 020 8771 4570

Web: www.beulahfamilychurch.co.uk

- Group for parents of children with special needs that meets once a month on a Wednesday from 1.30 - 3 pm.

Carers' Lunch Club

Tel: 07916 912915

- Meets monthly at the Green Dragon in Croydon.

Dads' Night Out

Tel: 07889 046026

- Meets every other month.

Face 2 Face Support Group

Tel: 020 8667 0207

Email: contact@croydon-homestart.co.uk

- This group meets at Castle Hill Primary School, New Addington, on the third Wednesday of the month from 12 – 2 pm.

Muslim Mothers

Tel: 020 8684 7657

Email: yaqub_nasreen@yahoo.co.uk

- Support group for Muslim mothers of teenage and adult children with a disability.

New Addington Special Needs Stay and Play

Tel: 01689 847 136

Email: office@fairchilides.croydon.sch.uk

- Stay and play group for families with children who have additional needs. Meets at Fairchilides Children's Centre, Fairchilides Avenue, New Addington CR9 OAA every Monday from 9 – 11 am

Parents in Partnership

Email: pip-info@dsl.pipex.com

- Supports families with a child with a disability or additional needs. Runs three support groups – Parent to Parent, Parents Together and Carers Lunch Club plus evening events. Regular email bulletins.

Parent to Parent

Tel: 07976 912915

Email: pip@anita14.orangehome.co.uk

- Support group for parents of children with special needs at Fieldway, New Addington, during term time on the last Friday of the month 9.30 am – 12 noon.

Parents Together

Meets at SureStart, 89 London Road, Croydon CR0 2RF

Tel: 07595 258727

Email: RCooperBrown@aol.com

- Group for parents who have children with any form of special need on the first Thursday of the month (term time only) from 12 - 2 pm. Also a Mums' Night Out each month in Croydon.

Woodpeckers

Tel: 07503 319 775 (leave a message) Email: woodpeckergroup@yahoo.co.uk

- Support group for babies and young children with Down's syndrome, their parents and siblings. Meets at Woodside Children's Centre, Morland Road, Croydon CR0 6NF on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 12.45 to 2.45 pm.

Specific Conditions

The following local organisations support families caring for a child with a specific condition. For information about national organisations see our factsheet *Specific Condition Organisations*. The Contact a Family Directory contains constantly updated information on over 1,000 rare disorders. For details ring 0808 808 3555 or visit www.cafamily.org.uk.

Croydon ADHD Network

Victoria House, Southbridge Place, Croydon CR0 4HA

Tel: 020 8686 0393

Email: alison.whyman@croydon.gov.uk

- Produce an information pack for parents following their child's diagnosis. Run an ADHD Football Club.

Croydon Deaf Children's Society

Croydon Hearing Resource Centre, Summit House, 50 Wandle Road, Croydon CR0 1DF

Tel: 07951 611190

Web: www.croydondeafchildren.org.uk

- Information, support and events for deaf children and their families.

Croydon Diabetes Parent Voluntary Support Group

Tel: 01737 557562

Email: diabeticparents@hotmail.co.uk

- Support group for parents of children with diabetes that meets at Mayday Hospital on the first Wednesday of the month from 7 – 9 pm.

Croydon Dyslexia Association

Tel: 08442 49 69 49

Email: croydondyslexia@orange.net

- Helpline and six meetings each year.

Croydon Mencap

60-61 Leslie Park Road, Croydon CR0 6TP

Tel: 020 8662 9201

Web: www.croydon.cswebsites.org

- Information and benefits advice to parents of children with learning disabilities.

Croydon NAS Branch Support Group

Tel: 020 7704 3815

Email: croydonbranch@nas.org.uk

- Meetings for parents of children with an autistic spectrum disorder - evening meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at Mansfield House, South Croydon, and morning meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Woodside Family Centre, Morland Road.

Croydon Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Centre

316-320 Whitehorse Road, Croydon CR0 2LE

Tel: 020 8251 7259

Web: www.cscats.org

- Provides services and support groups for people affected by these conditions, and their families and carers.

Lennard Lodge Group for Parents of Children with an Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Lennard Lodge, 3 Lennard Road, Croydon CR0 2UL

Tel: 020 3228 0000

- Group runs for 10 weeks and discussions cover a variety of topics.

National Autistic Society Support Worker for Croydon

Tel: 020 8662 4661

Email: kirsty.townsend@nas.org.uk

- Help and support to enable parents to access services for their child.

Transport

Children with special education needs may be eligible for support with their home to school travel if they live over the statutory walking distance or if their special educational needs would prevent them undertaking a shorter journey. For a child up to the age of eight, this distance is over two miles; for a child over eight, the distance is three miles, measured by the nearest available route. For children who live within the statutory walking distance, help with travel is determined by the needs of the child. For more information contact the Special Needs Team on 020 8760 5627 or email colin.pates@croydon.gov.uk. You can ask for a copy of Croydon's Home to School Travel Policy or download it from www.croydon.gov.uk.

Travel Services Team

Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3JS

Tel: 020 8726 7100

Web: www.croydon.gov.uk

- **Blue Badge Scheme:** Entitles you to parking concessions if your child receives the higher mobility component of DLA, or is registered blind, or has a permanent and substantial disability that means they are unable to walk or has considerable difficulty in walking.
- **Freedom Pass:** For children with a disability aged 5 and over for free travel on trains, buses and trams.
- **London Taxicard Scheme:** If your child has a permanent or long-term disability or injury you can get reduced fares in black cabs with this scheme. You pay the first £1.50 and the council pays the next £10.30 for a maximum of 108 trips a year.

Motability

Tel: 0845 456 4566

Web: www.motability.co.uk

- You can use the higher rate mobility component of your child's DLA towards hiring a new car, or buying a new or used car or wheelchair on hire purchase.

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