

## Information from the Local Offer Website:

### Action for Children

Action for Children supports and speaks out for the most vulnerable and neglected children and young people in the UK including specialist help and support for disabled children and support for families at critical times and with difficult problems.

### Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism is dedicated to developing more and better education services that meet the needs of children and young people with autism effectively.

- Ambitious College is London's first specialist day college. It is dedicated to providing further education and training to young people with complex autism aged 16-25 from across London and the Home Counties.
- TreeHouse School is based in the heart of a thriving community in North London, it educates pupils with autism aged 3 to 19 from across London and the Home Counties.

### Avenues Group

Works with people who are moving out of long stay hospitals whose behaviour had been considered too challenging for community services. Based near Tonbridge, services includes residential care, supported living and outreach for all age groups.

### Carers Relief Service

Carers Relief Service employ Personal Support Workers to work in the community with adults who have a learning disability, to relieve the main carer from the pressure of caring. Over the years the emphasis has changed from staff staying in the client's home to more requests to encourage adults with a learning disability to make choices about the activities they engage in within their community.

### The Challenging Behaviour Foundation (CBF)

Demonstrates that individuals with severe learning disabilities who are described as having challenging behaviour can enjoy normal life opportunities when their behaviour is properly understood and they receive appropriate individualised support.

### Clearwater Care

Has transitional schemes targeted at helping people (aged 18-25) to gain skills and successfully move into supported living within the wider community.

### **Community Nursing team for children and young people with learning disabilities**

The team is a mix of learning disability nurses and paediatric nurses and works with children and young people up to the age of 18 who have a moderate to severe/profound learning disability. Referrals can be made by parent/carer or professionals. The team works in the home, school, clinic and wider community.

### **Every Family Matters**

Every Family Matters create self-esteem, confidence, emotional literacy and personal empowerment in children, young people, parents, carers, teachers and other professionals, through a range of workshops, seminars and programmes written specifically for these groups.

### **The Haven (DGSM your choice)**

A registered charity established to support people with learning disabilities and their carers through the use of person centred approaches. The Charity enables people with learning disabilities to develop self-fulfilment and independence.

### **Housing**

The Local Offer provides information on the types of housing available in Medway so that young people can discuss with family and a social worker.

- **Shared Ownership**

Home Ownership for People with Long Term Disabilities (HOLD) provides the opportunity for people with long term disabilities to part-purchase a home from a Housing Association.

- **Social Housing**

Medway Council and its Housing Association partners provide rented social housing and flats which are allocated through Kent Homechoice. This type of accommodation is normally suitable for people with additional needs who can live independently with visiting support

- **Supported Housing**

Supported housing is a term used to describe housing and support services that enable people with additional needs to live independently in the community. Supported housing services are normally provided in purpose built properties for those unable to share accommodation with others, or within family homes purchased from the private market where people share the accommodation.

### **Kent Autistic Trust**

- Kent Autistic Trust (Family Support) provide information and support to parents of children with autism or autistic spectrum disorders.
- Kent Autistic Trust (Curlew Crescent) offers all year round living support. It can provide this in people's own or family homes and within single or shared accommodations. They are able to provide rented single person and shared accommodation.

**Mencap**

Mencap supports people with a learning disability and their families. All services support people to live life as they choose.

**The Regard Partnership Ltd - Rochester House**

Based in Rochester the service provides fully accessible accommodation with waking night and sleep-in staff. Individuals are supported to have opportunity to access a full range of activities in the community.

**Shared Lives**

The Shared Lives Scheme provides a range of services in Medway, which enable vulnerable adults to share in family life, make new friends, enjoy new experiences and share in everyday activities.

**Singalong**

Signalong is designed to help children and adults with communication difficulties, mostly associated with learning disabilities, autism and other special needs.

**Spadework**

Spadework bridges the gap for adults with learning difficulties and the other disabilities, from dependence in a supportive environment, to increasing their independence, enabling them to live with dignity and purpose.

**Stroke Park Foundation**

Provides care and leisure services for people with disabilities who wish to attain the maximum possible level of independence. This includes Nursing & Residential care, Home Care, Rehabilitation, Therapeutic services, independence training, transitional living, day services, holiday bungalows and purpose built open air theatre.

**Transition Information Network (TIN)**

TIN is an alliance of organisations and individuals who come together with a common aim, to improve the experience of disabled young people's transition to adulthood. TIN provides information and resources through their website, publications and events.

**UCAS**

Provides information on courses, where to study and how to apply for higher education.